

McMahon Urges New Plan on A-Control

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Sen. Brien McMahon (D-Conn.) today said the time has come to put aside discussion of atomic defense plans and concentrate immediately on new proposals for international control of the atom bomb and the projected hydrogen hellbomb to be presented to the Soviet Union.

In a Senate speech hailed by some Democrats and Republicans, the chairman of the Joint Congressional Atomic Committee urged President Truman and the State De-

partment to abandon their present approach to world peace before time runs out.

He pleaded urgently for new and faster efforts to control the hydrogen bomb and other "horror" weapons which, he said, threaten the world with "annihilation."

"The clock is ticking, ticking . . . and with each swing of the pendulum the time to save civilization grows shorter," he said.

McMahon's proposal seemed certain of a cool reception at the White House. President Truman has said repeatedly he is

standing behind the Baruch plan which has been rejected by the Soviet Union giving U. S. imperialism control of atomic energy.

McMahon suggested that the new atomic proposals be discussed at a United Nations meeting to be held in Moscow.

McMahon, whose committee has been studying the problem of atomic defenses, said the time has come to put aside such projects and concentrate at once on new proposals for controlling the A-bomb and the even deadlier hydrogen bomb now in the works.

The committee has been holding closed hearings on plans to protect the civilian population against atomic attack. It met today with Paul J. Larsen, new national civilian defense chief and former head of the Sandia, N. M., atom bomb laboratory. Public hearings had been planned soon.

But McMahon said such plans should now be laid aside in favor of an all-out campaign to achieve effective international atomic controls which would make such precautions unnecessary.

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UN-AMERICANS HATCH PLOT TO BAR MINE AID

Bonn Gov't Admits Secret Parley on New Nazi Army

BONN, Germany, March 1.—The West German puppet state admitted yesterday, after months of denial, that a former Nazi general gave Chancellor Konrad Adenauer plans for formation of a new German army last year.

The Anglo-American puppet regime's press office, in an official announcement, admitted that Gen. Kurt Von Manteuffel had submitted his "expert views" on a new German army to Adenauer.

Previously, the press office had repeatedly denied press reports of contact between Adenauer and Von Manteuffel, who is a leading member of the "Bruderschaft" (brotherhood) of former



Adenauer

Hitler generals. Last December, when the Daily Worker exposed Washington's plans to rearm renazified Germany, Defense Secretary Louis Johnson rebuffed questions from Paris reporters on the subject on the childish false excuse that "whatever I say would be misquoted by the Daily Worker."

But preceding Johnson's coyness on the subject, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, President Truman and Adenauer, himself, were all among those high officials who baldly denied that any plan for German rearmament exists.

The Bonn regime's admission yesterday that Adenauer had received such plans from the German military attempted to minimize their importance.

The announcement alleged that all Von Manteuffel had done was send a letter to Adenauer explaining his views on "the establishment of so-called light German units" from "the technical side."



By Art Shields

PITTSBURGH, March 1.—Un-American Committee investigators rushed into the mine area in an effort to use the death of Charles Tronick to redbait the mine strike and intimidate the public from sending relief.

Tronick, 26, died after the crash of a car in which he was returning to Pittsburgh. Tronick had just finished distributing the Daily Worker, with its stories of the national food campaign for the miners, to a group of coal towns.

And the miners had welcomed the only paper to support them like a breath of fresh air.

A front-page smear in the Scripps-Howard Pittsburgh Press touched off the ghoully attempt to make anti-miner capital out of Tronick's death. The paper described mysterious "secret documents" found by cops in the death car and turned over to an Un-American snooper who flew here from Washington. But the only "document" shown to be in the car in the same newspaper's front-page was the Daily Worker's special supplement on the mine strike, with the latter's headline visibly saying: "Miners Carry The Ball For All Labor."

Police ghouls, who grilled Tronick as he lay on his deathbed in an effort to get some damaging statement

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U. S. Challenges Soviet to Free Reich Vote

Frankfurt, Feb. 28 (AP)—The United States challenged Russia today to agree to free elections in Germany, promising that only the Communist Party could remain in power.

ARMED FORCES DAY UNIFIED

Washington, Feb. 28 (UP)—President Truman proclaimed today that the nation's first Armed Forces Day would be celebrated May 31 replacing individual days previously set aside to honor each branch of the military service.

NEW! ...

BETTER There's and finer

"SAL TEA"

HERE'S HOW the New York Post buried one of the year's biggest stories—about the tremendous cut in prices in the Soviet Union Tuesday. The little story is the really big challenge to the U.S.

Rush State Rent Law to Forestall Tenants' Lobby

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Gov't Expects Keech Ruling on UMW Today

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The three-day trial of the United Mine Workers on contempt of court charges ended today. Government prosecutors expected Judge Richmond B. Keech to rule tomorrow, although the judge "couldn't say" when he would decide whether or not the union had "wilfully" disobeyed his back-to-work order issued under the Taft-Hartley Law.

Puerto Rico Unions Back Miners

Special to the Daily Worker

SA NJUAN, Puerto Rico, March 1.—The executive board of the Puerto Rican General Union of Workers (UGT) has cabled to John L. Lewis its "unconditional support of the miners' struggle for their just demands and against the oppression of the Taft-Hartley Law."

A resolution by the UGT board said the miners' fight carried with it the interests of all American and Puerto Rican labor. A defeat for the miners, it said, would be a victory for the imperialists.

B'klyn ALP to Double Shipment

The Brooklyn American Labor Party announced yesterday that it is doubling its shipment of fresh beef, canned food, groceries, clothing and medicine to the mine areas. The increased shipment was decided upon as an answer to the front page attack on aid to the striking miners in the Hearst Journal-American on Sunday.

This week's collections are sponsored by the Brooklyn ALP Women's Division. The delegation to the mine areas will be led by Mrs. Ada B. Jackson and Mrs. Minneola Ingersoll. The ALP is also collecting money to send 10,000 lbs. of fresh beef.

The Queens ALP announced it is holding a miners' aid dance Friday night at Sunnyside Garden, 44 St. and Queens Blvd., Long Island City. Food will be collected at the door. The Queens organization has already sent three tons of food to the Ohio Valley.

Textile Local Votes Funds

PASSAIC, N. J., March 1.—The big Botany local of the CIO Textile Workers Union, Local 654, has voted \$100 to aid the striking coal miners. The local also instructed its delegate to the Passaic Textile Joint Board to raise the issue of aid to the miners.

The action here followed a similar one in Paterson where Textile Local 75 voted \$100 for the miners and called for food collections in all its shops.

Bankers Keep 1,200 Miners From Food Contributed By CP

Special to the Daily Worker

CUMBERLAND, Md., March 1.—A red-baiting campaign started by bankers and business officials here is still preventing 1,200 miners from getting three tons of food delivered to the Salvation Army by Maryland and District of Columbia Communist Party officials.

Doctors Offer Free Surgery to Miners

By Louise Mitchell

The Doctors' Committee to Aid Strikers announced yesterday that it would bring miners who need surgery here at the committee's expense, and have operations performed without fee.

The only cost to the strikers, they said, might be hospital charges, but the committee hopes to be able to pay these, too, out of funds it is now collecting. It has circulated an appeal asking for contributions to finance this work, as well as sending medical supplies to the coal fields. Chairman of the committee, at 30 E. 29 St., is Dr. Leo Davidoff. Dr. Elizabeth Kalisher is secretary.

When interviewed, Dr. Kalisher said that the long strike has had serious effect on the health of many miners and their families. There is considerable sickness and malnutrition in the mine areas now, she said, and large-scale medical aid is essential for the miners and their kin.

While the surgery project is more dramatic, other important work is being done by the Doctor's Committee.

Dr. Kalisher said that the committee had already sent several large shipments of drugs and

medical supplies to the mine areas. She stressed that the shipments are marked for distribution only by doctors. Material already sent included baby foods, vitamins and general drug supplies.

A special fund was sent, she said, to a doctors' committee in Pittsburgh to purchase special drugs, such as penicillin, streptomycin and aureomycin in the area, instead of shipping such expensive drugs. A contribution from the doctors goes along with practically every union load that leaves the city, she added.

One miner's family sent a letter of thanks, which read:

"Received the package of baby food yesterday and I wish to thank you very much. The baby here is my grandson, seven months old."

"I am asking God to pay back doubly all those who have helped me and I know he will. The letter was signed by Mrs. Scholik, of Lore City, O."

If he finds the UMW guilty of criminal and civil contempt of court charges that he leveled against them last Monday, Keech can fine the union any amount he desires. In 1946 and 1948, the union was fined a total of \$2,130,000 on similar charges.

From the rulings made against the union all day, Keech indicated that he would probably find the union guilty of both charges. While he permitted UMW attorney Welly K. Hopkins to enter a motion for acquittal on both charges, he denied the same motions two hours earlier when the union completed its case.

4-YEAR-OLD LETTER

At the same time, Keech permitted Assistant Attorney General H. Graham Morison to introduce a letter written by UMW president John L. Lewis to striking mine workers on Dec. 7, 1946. Hopkins objected strenuously, maintaining that the letter didn't have anything to do with action by the miners four years later, but Keech overruled him.

Morison said Lewis' 1946 letter to end a strike at that time showed "decisiveness." He compared the letter with two telegrams sent by Lewis to striking mine workers after Feb. 11, 1950, and said the decisiveness was lacking in the telegrams ordering an end to the present strike.

Hopkins, however, maintained

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Peace and the British Election

By William Z. Foster

THE MAJOR LESSON that we in the United States should learn from the recent British elections is not to underestimate the peace sentiments among the masses of the people. The Labor Party leaders made precisely such an under-estimation, and the result is that to all practical intents and purposes they have lost the election.

A victory was there for the taking by the Labor Party. And the price of it was for that party to come forward with a practical and sincere peace program. This would have appeased the present war fears of the masses and won wide support among the people. But the Labor Party leaders failed to do this. They were too tightly allied with the warmongers. So they neglected, "betrayed" is the correct word, the most basic interest and worry of the British people, their profound fear of war and their ardent desire for peace.

In the past the Labor Party leaders have committed many crimes against the British working class and international Socialism, and these all played their negative role in the voting. But this particular crime, the failure of the Labor Party to defend the cause of peace and to make it a key question in the elections, caught up with these leaders, knocked them over, and ruined their party's election chances.

Churchill, the wily old fox, understood the sentiments of the British people far better than the Labor Party leaders did. He knew quite well that the British masses, like the common people all over the world, were deeply worried about the war clouds now looming so threateningly—about the atom bomb—hydrogen-bomb war that the war plotters are preparing for them. So the hypocritical Churchill, himself a Number One warmonger, decided to capitalize on this deep peace sentiment of the masses. This was the basis of his now famous demagogic proposal that a peace talk be held with Stalin.

THE LABOR PARTY leaders, in dealing with Churchill's key peace proposition, gave a world's record example of political treachery and stupidity. They tried to brush off Churchill's conference proposal, and with it the peace desire of the masses. And see what they got for it!

What a shame and a disgrace, in these days when the people are so disturbed and alarmed over possible war, to have one of the world's worst warmongers come forward as a spokesman for peace, while the leaders of the party which has named itself after labor, stupidly take the position that nothing more can be done for peace, that all doors for peace have been closed. The Attlees and Bevins virtually argued war is inevitable.

In the election there were 50 or more districts that were lost to the Labor Party candidates by narrow margins of a thousand votes or less. There can be no doubt but that if that party had shown itself to be even the mildest champion of peace it could have cut heavily into the Conservative vote and carried most if not all of the close districts. But the Labor Party was such a loyal servitor to the big business policy of war against the USSR that it kicked this working class duty and political opportunity in the face.

But, it may be asked, why then did not the masses vote for the Communist candidates, who did propose a peace program in the elections. But this is another story. The masses, widely deceived by anti-Communist propaganda, were not prepared to support the Party ticket in general. Moreover, they were locked in the confines of the two-party system.

THE ELECTION DEFEAT of the British working class, whose leaders have so miserably betrayed the cause of peace, brings to mind the election of President Truman in November, 1948. This remarkable political upset, it will be remembered, was widely and correctly analyzed afterward as having been largely due to the fact that Truman, shortly before the elections, amid the ridicule of the reactionaries, had proposed to send Justice Vinson to Moscow for a peace talk with Stalin. Undoubtedly this proposal, coming even from a warmonger like Truman, struck straight home to the peace sentiments of the masses. It gave them a new ray of hope for peace, and beyond question it contributed very much to the magical events of that election day.

Churchill, no doubt, had very much in mind the deep political consequences of Truman's peace delegation proposal in 1948. So he undertook to repeat it, in almost exactly the same words, in his own election speeches. That he won much support by his proposal for a conference with Stalin is certain, but how much will probably never be known.

The question is not that the warmonger, Churchill, swung big masses to his support by his conference proposal, but that the Labor Party failed to win the large wavering masses which it could have won by a peace program. The big point to grasp is the fact that had the Labor Party shown even the faintest sense of loyalty to the working class or of understanding of their mood, by defending the cause of peace, it could have won the election in a walk.

As I remarked at the outset, the main lesson for us to learn from the British elections is that we must not underestimate the peace sentiments of the masses. The bulk of the American people, like those in Great Britain, may be deceived by the anti-Soviet propaganda of the warmongers, but they don't want war. They want a way to be found out of the present international impasse. To find such a way is the deepest political worry in their minds. The United States, like Great Britain, is wide open for broad, united front peace movements, based on practical, concrete struggles against the warmongers.



Negro Clergyman, 3 Children Slain

CAIRO, Ga., March 1.—James Turner, a 76-year old Negro Baptist minister, was found slain in his bed yesterday. His three young children, Jimmie Lou, 10; Jay, 8, and Bobbie Joe, 4, were also found dead, their heads smashed with the end of an axe which was found at the foot of Turner's bed. Police said their throats had been slashed and, in addition, Turner had been stabbed eight times near the heart with an ice pick.

John H. Arline, 50, who lived next door, was found slain with a 12-gauge shotgun fired at close range.

The two Turner girls were in one bed and J. P.

was in another bed in the same room. Turner was in another bedroom.

Turner's wife, Hattie Mae Turner, 32, told the police that she found her husband and children murdered when she returned home at night from her work as a registered nurse. When she arrived, she said, the house was dark and she knocked at the door.

"Who's there?" she called.

Then, she said, someone "dressed in something white that looked like a gown," ran after her. She escaped and went to police.

The only action by the police was to hold Mrs. Turner pending a coroner's jury verdict.

30,000 ITALY FARMERS TAKE MORE UNTILLED LAND

CATANZARO, Italy, March 1.—Thirty thousand peasants and war veterans extended their campaign today to occupy unsettled land into 50 municipalities of Calabria in southern Italy.

Carrying rakes and hoes and accompanied by women and children, they occupied more than 88,800 acres of uncultivated land and olive orchards.

Each column of marchers was headed by leaders of the left-wing Chamber of Labor. They also are backed by Christian Democratic labor leaders, who said that "hunger and misery have wiped out political differences."

Yesterday, the farmers and peasants consolidated their occupation in 11 communes. Today, they occupied new land in Borgina, Petrona Botricello and other communes around Nicastro, Vibo Valentia and the Sila River area.

Last night, Premier Alcide de Gasperi, speaking in the Senate, attacked the land occupation.

Communist Sen. Mauro Scoccimarro said Communists would continue leading the land campaign until the government carried out radical and swift agrarian reforms in Southern Italy.

Philadelphia Groups Set Rallies for Peace

PHILADELPHIA, March 1.—A growing number of organizations here are pushing the drive sponsoring peace rallies throughout the city. Banning the H-bomb and reach-

ing agreement with the Soviet Union is scheduled for discussion at a meeting Thursday evening sponsored by the Council of Arts, Sciences and Professionals at the Academy of Music Foyer. Speakers include Dr. Philip Morrison, Cornell nuclear physicist; Grace Rhoads of the Friends Peace Committee; Dr. Philip White of the Cancer Research Institute, and Prof. Henry Fairchild.

On the same evening, the YMCA will sponsor a free lecture on whether the H-bomb is the answer to peace.

Representatives of church, civic and labor groups have been meeting with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom to plan a public forum in March on peaceful alternatives to the H-bomb. These groups include representatives from the YMCA, YWCA, YMHA, World Affairs Council, Fellowship House, CIO Industrial Union Council, Philadelphia Council of Churches, Philadelphia Rabbinical group, Federation of Negro Women's Clubs, Friends Peace Committee.

SEEK 25,000 SIGNATURES

The Philadelphia Women for Peace are collecting 25,000 signatures on a "Ballot for Peace" demanding that President Truman outlaw the H-bomb. They will hold a mass meeting in the Hotel Lorraine March 17, where Mrs.

Painters Local 848 Asks H-Bomb Ban

A big-power parley to outlaw the H-bomb and destruction of all existing stockpiles was urged yesterday by AFL Painters Local 848. A resolution unanimously passed as a membership meeting also asked for a lifting of the cold war embargo on trade with the Soviet Union, China and Eastern European countries to provide jobs for American workers. Defense of civil liberties, Negro and labor rights was also urged.

Ada B. Jackson will speak. The rally will observe International Women's Day.

A citywide mass rally protesting the rearmament of Western Germany is planned for March 26. Next Tuesday, March 7, a mass meeting for peace will be held in Temple Beth Israel, Strawberry Mansions.

Cold Warrior Shivers At Peace Mission

WASHINGTON, March 1.—A frightened and ridiculous man today solemnly warned Congress that 15 distinguished world figures who want to present a peace pe-

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Kuomintang President Here Assails Chiang

Gen. Li Tsung-jen charged yesterday that Chiang Kai-shek is seeking to become a dictator and vowed that he would never resign as acting Kuomintang president.

Li denounced Chiang's action yesterday, in resuming this post, as "an insidious plot. . . To usurp the constitutional power of president."

"I have not the slightest intention of resigning as president," he declared.

One of his aides revealed that Li was going to Washington tomorrow to confer with President Truman and Gen. George C. Marshall.

TAIPEI, Formosa, March 1.—Yen Hsi-shan, Kuomintang premier, and his cabinet resigned today following Chiang Kai-shek's resumption of the presidency. Yen has been trying to resign for months, but because Li Tsung-jen was in the United States he had no one to whom he could submit his resignation.

Sentence Fuchs To 14 Years

LONDON, March 1.—Dr. Klaus Fuchs was sentenced to 14 years in prison today on his plea of guilty to the charge of betraying A-bomb secrets to the Soviet Union.

The entire trial lasted only 90 minutes at the historic Old Bailey, the central criminal court.

Red-robed, white-wigged Lord Goddard, the Lord Chief Justice of England, said:

"The maximum sentence which Parliament has ordained for this crime is 14 years imprisonment, and that is the sentence I pass on you."

Fuchs thanked the judge, his lawyer and the governor and staff of Brixton prison where he had awaited trial "for considerate treatment."

He was led down the steps from the dock to an underground cell and taken to Wormwood Scrubs prison in north London. There, after examination by a prison commission, he will be sent to a designated penitentiary.

'Buy Coca Cola--or Else,' Farley Warns France

James A. Farley, chairman of the board of the Coca-Cola Export Co., yesterday threatened Marshall Plan reprisals against France because of the campaign by Communists and wine growers to ban the soft drink.

"This might be the straw to break the back of the camel hauling billions of American dollars to France," Farley said.

Movie Trust Bars Prize Italian Film

By Jose Yglesias

The Motion Picture Association of America, popularly known as the Johnston Office, has banned the prize-winning Italian film, *The Bicycle Thief* from all American theatres under the jurisdiction of its code.

Joseph Burstyn, president of the American firm distributing the film here, announced the ban at a press conference yesterday and said the Johnston Office "doesn't want to encourage films to speak frankly."

The ban effectively cuts the film off from the majority of moviegoers by preventing its showing at all chain movie houses and in the independent houses which program their shows after the chains. The Johnston Office demands the cutting of two scenes, one showing a seven-year-old boy attempting to urinate and another in a bordello, and a guarantee that the cut version will be the only one exhibited in this country.

Vittorio de Sica, the movie's director, has cabled his refusal to have his film cut. "All things considered, prefer protect integrity of picture and wait decision of tribunal of public opinion."

Burstyn will appeal the ban although he feels it is not a legal one and added that a sharp public reaction will make the Johnston Office retract its ban.

Asked whether adherence to the Johnston Code would rob foreign movies of the realism for which they are noted, Burstyn replied with a strong affirmative.

The Bicycle Thief, the story of a worker's search for his stolen bicycle on which depends his job and his family's security, was voted the best foreign film of 1949 by the New York Newspaper Film Critics Circle and the best film of the year by the National Board of Review.

In Europe it has won prizes in Italy, Switzerland and Belgium. In Italy the film had a difficult time also being shown in commercial houses and only pressure from working class audience finally got it widely distributed.

The two disputed scenes provide some of the film's best human touches. The boy's attempt to urinate which is stopped by his father's call always gets big laughs in the theatre, and the scene in the bordello takes place when the father tracks the thief to it. Neither scene is lascivious in intention. De Sica, who like the distributors, hopes the American public will reverse the ban, asks a pointed question in his cablegram, "Let's be frank. Is there more sex in this picture or in the average American one?"

Gov't to Wind Up Today in Coplon, Gubitchev Trial

By Harry Raymond

Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan yesterday rejected a defense mistrial motion and swiftly cleared the way for the scheduled conclusion this morning of prosecution testimony in the espionage-conspiracy trial of ex-government girl Judith Coplon and Soviet engineer Valentin Gubitchev.

Abraham Pomerantz, attorney for Gubitchev, announced he had subpoenaed four witnesses. They are:

- Lynn Bedford, special FBI agent of Washington. Bedford is the secret agent who confessed during pre-trial hearings that he had monitored the illegally tapped telephone and a microphone connection in Miss Coplon's office in the Foreign Agents Registration Division of the Department of Justice.

- Nathan Lenvin, attorney for the Foreign Agents Registration Division.

- Etta Taylor, Miss Coplon's secretary when Miss Coplon was employed by the Department of Justice.

- Arthur Avignon, special FBI agent. Avignon admitted during pre-trial examination he had destroyed wax disc recordings of illegal FBI telephone taps of Miss Coplon's conversations.

RECESS FOR WITNESSES

The trial was recessed abruptly when prosecutor John M. Kelley, Jr. announced the final prosecution witnesses were not in New York City. He said he would have them in court this morning at 10, and that the government would rest its case before the noon recess.

Before the recess, Kelley called Miss Coplon's brother, Bertram Coplon, to the stand to identify Miss Coplon's handwriting in a letter she sent to her brother.

Bertram Coplon was called by the prosecution when attorney Pomerantz refused to sign an agreement which had been signed by Miss Coplon's lawyers and the prosecutor, stipulating notations on slips of paper taken from her handbag and alleged to be gov-

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COPS THREATEN MEETING ON DEATH OF NEGRO CHILD

PATERSON, March 1.—Police attempted to intimidate a meeting here last night to protest hospital neglect in the death of a Negro child, as news of a second death aroused the community.

The second Negro child was two-year-old Albert Davis whose mother, Mrs. Della Davis, of 170 12 St., was turned away from the Barnert Memorial Hospital on Sunday. He died the next morning.

At the hospital, Mrs. Davis was told "not to get too excited" over the child's condition, despite the mother's pleas to save her dying

baby. Hospital authorities told her to go home and "force the baby to drink some milk." The doctor even failed to give the child a temperature test.

Herbert Charles Hudson, six-year-old Negro child, died in agony a week earlier, on Feb. 17, after Dr. Radcliffe at the Paterson General Hospital told the frantic mother, Mrs. Russell Haggood, there was nothing wrong with him.

Parents of both children and a community steering committee met last night at the A. M. E. Church

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Ties Murray, Curran To Attack on Bridges

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—Former Attorney General Tom Clark personally asked Mervyn Rathborne in October, 1948, to join in the fourth frameup of Harry Bridges. And CIO president Philip Murray, secretary James Carey and Joseph Curran, president of the

CIO National Maritime Union, gave the operation their blessings. These facts were revealed in Federal Court today by Rathborne himself amid gasps from the packed spectators' section.

The Government's prized informer, now a rebuttal witness, told the story under cross-examination by Vincent Hallinan, defense attorney.

Rathborne said he was approached by immigration agents in the spring of 1948, and agreed to bar-room meetings at the Miramar Hotel.

"They asked me if I would go to Washington to consult with Tom Clark," he said.

MEETS CLARK

Early in October, 1948, Rathborne and two Immigration agents conferred with Clark for an hour.

"Mr. Clark said he had heard quite a lot about me," related Rathborne.

"The Government was making an investigation," Clark said, "and it was the opinion that Harry Bridges was a Communist and something should be done to remove his influence."

"I advised Clark that in previous Bridges' cases the mistake had been made of labeling all CIO leaders Communists."

After this interview, Rathborne said he visited Carey and Curran, and through Carey received Murray's approval to testify. He also saw Thomas Ray, NMU research director, who encouraged him to testify.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—Defense counsel Vincent Hallinan in the Harry Bridges perjury trial yesterday wrung from stoop-pigeon Mervyn Rathborne a reluctant admission that he had lied 13 times under oath before the House Un-American Committee in 1940.

Rathborne, who also has a record of burglary, was subjected to a withering cross-examination by Hallinan, whose sharp questioning of the FBI agent drew another citation of "misconduct" charge, one of many against defense counsel in the four-month trial.

Rally in Memory of Triangle Fire of 1911

An East Side peace rally March 15 will commemorate the Triangle fire of 1911, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Dorothy Wilkes, chairman of the Lower East Side Committee of Women for Peace. The rally will be held at the Stuyvesant Casino, 142 Second Ave. It will also mark International Women's Day, and will urge a ban on the H-bomb.

Survivors and relatives of victims of the Triangle fire are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Wilkes at 244 E. 15 St.

WIN PLEDGE TO PROTECT NEGRO CARETAKER

Police protection for Herbert Hart, Negro caretaker of the Ma-pleton Synagogue in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, was promised yesterday, after a meeting of community leaders with police officials at the 66th Precinct.

Hart, who was released on his own recognizance Tuesday after charges of felonious assault were dropped, has been threatened by local hoodlums.

The charges against him grew

Anti-Davis Bill Is Blocked in Assembly

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, March 1.—The Assembly Judiciary Committee today blocked the Brook bill to bar Communist leader and former city councilman Benjamin J. Davis from running

for public office. Introduced by Manhattan Republican John R. Brook, the measure was intended to amend the election law forbidding "felons" from being designated for office.

18 Families Face Eviction

Eighteen families, numbering 100 persons, facing eviction today at 426-446 East 79th St., were told yesterday by the New York Housing Authority they could get only one night's temporary shelter and then would have to shift for themselves. The building in which they live is being demolished, and the court order holding up their eviction expired yesterday.

Appeals to the Housing Authority brought alibis but no aid and a final plea to Mayor O'Dwyer brought a buck-passing suggestion to go back to the Housing Authority.

Brook based his vindictive bill of attainder on the Foley Square verdict against the 11 Communist leaders.

Though the anti-Democratic Brook bill has been stopped in the Assembly, the Senate Judiciary Committee is still considering a companion measure proposed by Manhattan Republican Macneil Mitchell. If discharged, the Senate anti-Davis bill could be rushed to a vote immediately.

Defeat of the Brook bill points up the effectiveness of mass pressure against witch-hunt gag legislation, and emphasizes the need for continued opposition directed against the Mitchell bill.

Weinstock, Gainer, Davis To Fight Illegal Expulsion

Louis Weinstock, Morris Gainer and Morris Davis, veteran leaders of the rank and file forces of Painters District Council 9, were yesterday expelled by the council for membership in the Communist Party. Weinstock, many years secretary treasurer of the council, said the action of the council

would be ignored as illegal and unconstitutional, and each of the three would continue to function as officers of their respective locals.

An appeal is being immediately lodged with the general executive board of the Brotherhood of Painters, which will meet Monday in Lafayette, Ind.

The Council, a delegated body of representatives of 10 locals, has no jurisdiction over the three, Weinstock said, because the Brotherhood's constitution specifically provides that a member can be tried only in his own local union. Weinstock and Davis belong to Local 848, and Gainer to 905.

Weinstock was tried and expelled several times since he led the rank and file movement in the union of the twenties. The last time his expulsion was invalidated by the GEB on the ground that the Supreme Court's decision on the Schneiderman case changed

the meaning of the constitution's clause under which Weinstock was charged with "disloyalty."

The vote in the council yesterday was 25 for the expulsion and 11 against, with delegates Weinstock and Gainer not voting on the ground that they do not recognize the legality of the procedure. One other delegate abstained.

UOPWA to Picket Splitters' Parley

More than 1,000 members of the Social Service Employees Union, UOPWA, will picket the Textile Workers Union Hall, 99 University Place, starting at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) to protest a rump meeting of CIO company union elements.

The rump meeting has been called by the national CIO in cooperation with a few members of local 19, who have been trying for more than a year to organize a secession movement in the local.

The local has a membership of 5,000 social service employees in New York City.

4,600 in Airlines Groundcrew Strike

Some 4,600 groundcrew workers struck against the American Airlines Co. yesterday.

The mechanics and storekeepers, members of the Transport Workers Union, CIO, are demanding a 20-cent hourly wage increase.

Cities affected include New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis, Chicago, Nashville, Memphis, Tucson, Ft. Worth, Dallas, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

CAMP AT MAYOR'S DOOR TO ASK AID FOR FAMILY OF 7

A delegation of 20 New Yorkers, who got an all-day runaround in their requests for official aid for a family of seven living in one room, camped on Mayor O'Dwyer's doorstep at City Hall late yesterday for two and a half hours.

The delegation includes four small children. Housing Authority officials as well as Mayor O'Dwyer's administrative secretary had told the delegation nothing could be done about the tragic case.

The delegation camped on the steps of the spiral stairway a few feet from Mayor O'Dwyer's office.

The delegation is seeking new housing for the family of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Rivera, who live in one crowded room—about 20 by 12—on the fifth floor at 424 West 23 St. One child, Loida, aged 2, is in Bellevue Hospital with tuberculosis.

The delegation included neighbors and representatives from Local 22, of the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilders and of the New York Tenants Council.

As the delegation camped on O'Dwyer's doorstep, the mayor slipped out of his office at 6 p.m., and the stairway was darkened. Three of the mayor's spokesmen met with the delegation. They were Louis Cohen, the mayor's assistant; Joseph Boyle, of the mayor's office, and Philip Shumsky, the mayor's administrative aide. They promised to do "all in their power" to get housing. The group delegation then left and declared a larger delegation would visit the mayor if the promise of the mayor's people was not carried out.

AFL Drivers Refuse to Move Runaway Shop

AFL teamsters yesterday refused to cross a picket line of several hundred members in front of Fuld's greeting-card company, where they were supposed to move out furniture of the runaway shop.

Seventeen workers have been sitting in the offices at 352 4th Ave. since Friday, without food, to prevent the firm from moving its plant to the Catskills in an effort to duck the union, Local 65 of the Distributive Trades Union. Several hundred members of Local

65 were on the picket line when the teamsters drove up at 8:15 a.m. and the line swelled to as many as 3,000 later in the day.

While the strikers, beset by hunger, sickness and fatigue, grimly stuck to their posts, the greeting card firm obtained a show cause order answerable in court today as to why they should not vacate. The union's lawyers are expected to appear on behalf of the strikers.

Schneiderman Decision Hit By McGrath

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Attorney General J. Howard McGrath tonight assailed the U. S. Supreme Court decision in the Schneiderman case. He thus attempted to influence the appeals judges who in weighing Foley Square trial of the 11 Communist leaders will have to consider the Schneiderman ruling.

McGrath declared, in a speech at Amherst College, that he favored the dissenting opinion of Judge Harlan Stone in which Stone opposed the ruling that William Schneiderman, a leading Communist, was not guilty of fraud in claiming attachment to the principles of the U. S. Constitution when he was naturalized.

McGrath also contended that Stone's dissent in the Harry Bridges deportation case did not mean that the late chief justice had ceased to be a "liberal."

Bakery Workers' Meeting Saturday

The Greater New York City Bakery Workers Rank and File is holding a mass meeting this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Webster Hall, 119 E. 11 St.

The Taft-Hartley law and the fight for autonomy and democracy in local unions will be discussed.

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Negro Clergyman, 3 Children Slain

CAIRO, Ga., March 1.—James Turner, a 76-year old Negro Baptist minister, was found slain in his bed yesterday. His three young children, Jimmie Lou, 10; Jay, 8, and Bobbie Joe, 4, were also found dead, their heads smashed with the end of an axe which was found at the foot of Turner's bed. Police said their throats had been slashed and, in addition, Turner had been stabbed eight times near the heart with an ice pick.

John H. Arline, 50, who lived next door, was found slain with a 12-gauge shotgun fired at close range.

The two Turner girls were in one bed and J. P.

was in another bed in the same room. Turner was in another bedroom.

Turner's wife, Hattie Mae Turner, 32, told the police that she found her husband and children murdered when she returned home at night from her work as a registered nurse. When she arrived, she said, the house was dark and she knocked at the door.

"Who's there?" she called.

Then, she said, someone "dressed in something white that looked like a gown," ran after her. She escaped and went to police.

The only action by the police was to hold Mrs. Turner pending a coroner's jury verdict.

30,000 ITALY FARMERS TAKE MORE UNTILLED LAND

CATANZARO, Italy, March 1.—Thirty thousand peasants and war veterans extended their campaign today to occupy unsettled land into 50 municipalities of Calabria in southern Italy.

Carrying rakes and hoes and accompanied by women and children, they occupied more than 88,800 acres of uncultivated land and olive orchards.

Each column of marchers was headed by leaders of the left-wing Chamber of Labor. They also are backed by Christian Democratic labor leaders, who said that "hunger and misery have wiped out political differences."

Yesterday, the farmers and peasants consolidated their occupation in 11 communes. Today, they occupied new land in Borgia, Petrona Botricello and other communes around Nicastro, Vibo Valentia and the Sila River area.

Last night, Premier Alcide de Gasperi, speaking in the Senate, attacked the land occupation.

Communist Sen. Mauro Scoccimarro said Communists would continue leading the land campaign until the government carried out radical and swift agrarian reforms in Southern Italy.

Philadelphia Groups Set Rallies for Peace

PHILADELPHIA, March 1.—A growing number of organizations here are pushing the drive sponsoring peace rallies throughout the city. Banning the H-bomb and reach-

Painters Local 848 Asks H-Bomb Ban

A big-power parley to outlaw the H-bomb and destruction of all existing stockpiles was urged yesterday by AFL Painters Local 848. A resolution unanimously passed at a membership meeting also asked for a lifting of the cold war embargo on trade with the Soviet Union, China and Eastern European countries to provide jobs for American workers. Defense of civil liberties, Negro and labor rights was also urged.

Ada B. Jackson will speak. The rally will observe International Women's Day.

A citywide mass rally protesting the rearmament of Western Germany is planned for March 26. Next Tuesday, March 7, a mass meeting for peace will be held in Temple Beth Israel, Strawberry Mansions.

Cold Warrior Shivers At Peace Mission

WASHINGTON, March 1.—A frightened and ridiculous man today solemnly warned Congress that 15 distinguished world figures who want to present a peace pe-

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COPS THREATEN MEETING ON DEATH OF NEGRO CHILD

PATERSON, March 1.—Police attempted to intimidate a meeting here last night to protest hospital neglect in the death of a Negro child, as news of a second death aroused the community.

The second Negro child was two-year-old Albert Davis whose mother, Mrs. Della Davis, of 170 12 St., was turned away from the Barnert Memorial Hospital on Sunday. He died the next morning.

At the hospital, Mrs. Davis was told "not to get too excited" over the child's condition, despite the mother's pleas to save her dying

baby. Hospital authorities told her to go home and "force the baby to drink some milk." The doctor even failed to give the child a temperature test.

Herbert Charles Hudson, six-year-old Negro child, died in agony a week earlier, on Feb. 17, after Dr. Radcliffe at the Paterson General Hospital told the frantic mother, Mrs. Russell Haggood, there was nothing wrong with him.

Parents of both children and a community steering committee met last night at the A. M. E. Church

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Kuomintang President Here Assails Chiang

Gen. Li Tsung-jen charged yesterday that Chiang Kai-shek is seeking to become a dictator and vowed that he would never resign as acting Kuomintang president.

Li denounced Chiang's action yesterday, in resuming this post, as "an insidious plot. . . To usurp the constitutional power of president."

"I have not the slightest intention of resigning as president," he declared.

One of his aides revealed that Li was going to Washington tomorrow to confer with President Truman and Gen. George C. Marshall.

TAIPEI, Formosa, March 1.—Yen Hsi-shan, Kuomintang premier, and his cabinet resigned today following Chiang Kai-shek's resumption of the presidency. Yen has been trying to resign for months, but because Li Tsung-jen was in the United States he had no one to whom he could submit his resignation.

Sentence Fuchs To 14 Years

LONDON, March 1.—Dr. Klaus Fuchs was sentenced to 14 years in prison today on his plea of guilty to the charge of betraying A-bomb secrets to the Soviet Union.

The entire trial lasted only 90 minutes at the historic Old Bailey, the central criminal court.

Red-robed, white-wigged Lord Goddard, the Lord Chief Justice of England, said:

"The maximum sentence which Parliament has ordained for this crime is 14 years imprisonment, and that is the sentence I pass on you."

Fuchs thanked the judge, his lawyer and the governor and staff of Brixton prison where he had awaited trial "for considerate treatment."

He was led down the steps from the dock to an underground cell and taken to Wormwood Scrubs prison in north London. There, after examination by a prison commission, he will be sent to a designated penitentiary.

'Buy Coca Cola--or Else,' Farley Warns France

James A. Farley, chairman of the board of the Coca-Cola Export Co., yesterday threatened Marshall Plan reprisals against France because of the campaign by Communists and wine growers to ban the soft drink.

"This might be the straw to break the back of the camel hauling billions of American dollars to France," Farley said.

Movie Trust Bars Prize Italian Film

By Jose Yglesias

The Motion Picture Association of America, popularly known as the Johnston Office, has banned the prize-winning Italian film, *The Bicycle Thief* from all American theatres under the jurisdiction of its code.

Joseph Burstyn, president of the American firm distributing the film here, announced the ban at a press conference yesterday and said the Johnston Office "doesn't want to encourage films to speak frankly."

The ban effectively cuts the film off from the majority of moviegoers by preventing its showing at all chain movie houses and in the independent houses which program their shows after the chains. The Johnston Office demands the cutting of two scenes, one showing a seven-year-old boy attempting to urinate and another in a bordello, and a guarantee that the cut version will be the only one exhibited in this country.

Vittorio de Sica, the movie's director, has cabled his refusal to have his film cut. "All things considered, prefer protect integrity of picture and wait decision of tribunal of public opinion."

Burstyn will appeal the ban although he feels it is not a legal one and added that a sharp public reaction will make the Johnston Office retract its ban.

Asked whether adherence to the Johnston Code would rob foreign movies of the realism for which they are noted, Burstyn replied with a strong affirmative.

The Bicycle Thief, the story of a worker's search for his stolen bicycle on which depends his job and his family's security, was voted the best foreign film of 1949 by the New York Newspaper Film Critics Circle and the best film of the year by the National Board of Review.

In Europe it has won prizes in Italy, Switzerland and Belgium. In Italy the film had a difficult time also being shown in commercial houses and only pressure from working class audience finally got it widely distributed.

The two disputed scenes provide some of the film's best human touches. The boy's attempt to urinate which is stopped by his father's call always gets big laughs in the theatre, and the scene in the bordello takes place when the father tracks the thief to it. Neither scene is lascivious in intention. De Sica, who like the distributors, hopes the American public will reverse the ban, asks a pointed question in his cablegram, "Let's be frank. Is there more sex in this picture or in the average American one?"

Gov't to Wind Up Today in Coplon, Gubitchev Trial

By Harry Raymond

Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan yesterday rejected a defense mistrial motion and swiftly cleared the way for the scheduled conclusion this morning of prosecution testimony in the espionage-conspiracy trial of ex-government girl Judith Coplon and Soviet engineer Valentin Gubitchev.

Abraham Pomerantz, attorney for Gubitchev, announced he had subpoenaed four witnesses. They are:

- Lynn Bedford, special FBI agent of Washington. Bedford is the secret agent who confessed during pre-trial hearings that he had monitored the illegally tapped telephone and a microphone connection in Miss Coplon's office in the Foreign Agents Registration Division of the Department of Justice.

- Nathan Lenvin, attorney for the Foreign Agents Registration Division.

- Etta Taylor, Miss Coplon's secretary when Miss Coplon was employed by the Department of Justice.

- Arthur Avignon, special FBI agent. Avignon admitted during pre-trial examination he had destroyed wax disc recordings of illegal FBI telephone taps of Miss Coplon's conversations.

RECESS FOR WITNESSES

The trial was recessed abruptly when prosecutor John M. Kelley, Jr. announced the final prosecution witnesses were not in New York City. He said he would have them in court this morning at 10, and that the government would rest its case before the noon recess.

Before the recess, Kelly called Miss Coplon's brother, Bertram Coplon, to the stand to identify Miss Coplon's handwriting in a letter she sent to her brother.

Bertram Coplon was called by the prosecution when attorney Pomerantz refused to sign an agreement which had been signed by Miss Coplon's lawyers and the prosecutor, stipulating notations on slips of paper taken from her handbag and alleged to be gov-

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MARITIME PAGE

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Seamen in Ports, on Ships, On Beach Aid the Miners

Seamen of all maritime unions are rallying behind the miners' fight for a decent contract and for the defense of their union. The most recent expression of support and solidarity came from the Port of Baltimore, where the members of the National Maritime

The Narrowing Circle Around Joseph Curran

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—Harry Bridges paid his respects to Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, in testimony on the witness stand at his trial here. Bridges' statements were particularly relevant as Curran's agent, Thomas Ray, prepared to appear as a prosecution rebuttal witness.

An excerpt from the trial transcript follows:

The excerpt picks up at the point where Prosecutor F. Joseph Donohue questioned Bridges on Curran's role at the Cleveland CIO convention.

Donohue: Wasn't it the head of the NMU who challenged you?

Bridges: Old Joe Curran?

Donohue: Joe Curran.

Bridges (grinning): When I first came across Joe Curran he was down in the fore-castle and he did not know which way to look. We built his union for him. He would not have any union if it wasn't for us. Don't worry about him.

Donohue: He challenged your suggestion, didn't he?

Bridges: Joe will challenge anybody. Now, he can't have a union meeting without about 400 policemen to keep order. Joe stands up on the rostrum, a motion is put, and no matter what way she goes, Joe rules she is carried in favor of Joe Curran.

If someone gets up and says: "That's not right, that motion didn't carry." Wham! There are 200 hundred policemen to club him down. If Bridges ever showed up at a union meeting in the company of one cop, they would throw me right out of my job.

Donohue: Isn't the reason for that because after he threw out the Communists, the gangsters have moved back in and they have

had to call the police to put them out?

Bridges: No, Mr. Donohue. After Joe wiped from the membership every known Communist, which only amounted to one quarter or one-half of one percent of the membership, Joe got after the alleged Communists, and after he cleaned them out, he got after the ex-Communists, and the ex-Communists turned out to be practically everyone who had supported Curran in the past. So all Joe has got with him left is a bunch of Yes men and stooges that gather around him, and they are darn few.

Donohue: He doesn't have any Communists left in his union, does he?

Bridges: I don't know. He could have, but he has certainly made the welkin ring about getting rid of them, he got rid of everybody and wrecked the union.

Donohue: He got rid of the Communists?

Bridges: He wrecked the union.

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Union went on record overwhelmingly to:

1—Take up a tarpaulin muster to aid the miners.

2—Call on the National Office of the NMU to donate a substantial sum.

3—Instruct the Union patrolmen, when covering ships, to put aside all other collections and to collect only for miners relief.

Ships' crews are also speaking out on this issue and taking up collections to back up the miners. Recently the crews of the S.S. Veragua, the Cape Cod, Talamanca, have gone on record urging full support and condemning Truman's use of Taft-Hartley injunctions. Even an Argentine ship in port contributed \$9 to the miners.

The Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, New York branch, has been sending a weekly donation of \$25 to the striking miners, and the Marine Firemen's Union has made a \$25 contribution, with ships' crew sending in more.

The American Radio Association, CIO, at a recent New York meeting, called on the national CIO to institute work stoppages in support of the miners, demanded the removal of Denham, and collected \$9 from unemployed members on the beach.

Seamen are well aware that the miners' fight, to save their union and win a decent contract in spite of the Taft-Hartley Law, must be won if the hiring halls of the maritime unions are to have a chance for survival.

UNITED FRUIT PROFITS \$54,852,364 FOR 1949

With a sharp drop in jobs and manning scales, the United Fruit Co. this week reported the second greatest profit haul in its 50-year history. Net earnings for 1949 amounted to \$54,852,364, and dividends of \$6.25 were declared on each of 8,775,000 shares of United Fruit stock.

These profits were announced despite strikes in Guatemala, Colombia and Costa Rica.

The company has transferred scores of vessels to foreign flags to cut wages. In addition, it has speeded up turn-arounds, making them with fewer men.

Chiang's U. S. Bombers Peril Seamen's Lives

The Isbrandtsen ship Flying Clipper, and the U.S. Lines ship Pioneer Dale, were bombed and strafed by Chiang Kai-shek's American-built bombers last Monday in Chinese waters off Tsintao.

One bomb dropped a ship's length away from the stern of the Flying Clipper, while on the Pioneer Dale, the report states, "the ship was badly strafed. One slight casualty."

Only a few weeks previously a similar attack was made on the SS Flying Arrow of the Isbrandtsen Co. while in Chinese waters, yet in none of the above cases has the U. S. Government done more than send a note, which was promptly ignored.

Apparently the lives of American merchant mean little to a war-mad Administration which thinks in terms of destroying millions of lives through A-bombs and H-bombs to guarantee super-profits for trusts and monopolies.

Peaceful normal trade with New China is a vital need for all seamen to save seamen's lives and will provide thousands of jobs for unemployed seamen and longshoremen now going hungry on the beach.

India Dockers' Pay And Ryan's War Cry

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Ryan is "against the withdrawal of American troops from South Korea and Japan, French troops from Indo-China, and Dutch and British troops from other parts of Southeast Asia."

ILA Longshore News—p. 4

A picture of a husband and wife, both of whom work as longshoremen in India. They get paid 25c a day for a 12 hr. day, or about 2c an hour.

Is that why you're against taking British troops out of Southeast Asia, Joe?

Help the miners. Bring food and clothing for them to the Daily Worker, 50 E. 13 St., or the nearest Communist Party headquarters.

Report Ryan Seeks Scabs To Break French Strikes

By Jack Karan

Longshoremen all over Europe are fighting for peace. In Italy, France, Holland, and Western Germany, dockers have been refusing to unload American arms. Now comes Joe Ryan, with a new plan for work for East Coast longshoremen. How is he going to get it?

By fighting against the shipowners

to improve conditions? Stop the speed-up and spread the work? By eliminating non-union men and connection men, and sending to it that ILA men get work? By fighting for trade and peaceful relations with China, Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union? Not at all.

Ryan is going to obtain work by recruiting scabs. Do you want to scab on European workers? Ryan has work for you.

Johannes Steel reports in his column in the N. Y. Compass this week that Ryan has boasted East Coast longshoremen will be put on U. S. vessels carrying Atlantic Pact armaments to France, and that they will beat the living daylight out of picketing French strikers who attempt to prevent unloading.

Many longshoremen would like to see Ryan himself take the trip to France and try to unload these war materials. French longshoremen, who last week dumped a

shipment of armaments into the ocean, might decide that Ryan could use a bath too. But we are confident no honest longshoreman would want to scab on any other worker.

DOCKERS WANT PEACE

Does Ryan think that American longshoremen want peace less than their French brothers? The latest issue of the ILA Longshore News, Ryan's paper, carries a front page headline, "ILA BACKS ARMS AID TO EUROPE." Ryan is quoted in a statement saying, "American workers enthusiastically support the sending of military aid to Europe." But when did Ryan ever consult any longshoremen as to what they want? Ryan speaks only for himself, and for the shipowners who want a new war because of the fabulous profits they make during war time.

ILA longshoremen want peaceful trade with all countries, which will bring more work on both sides of the ocean.

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Negro Sailors' Militant History

The history of the Negro as a seaman dates back to 1726, when the sea offered a haven to slaves who escaped from bondage. From this beginning Negroes have played an important part in all struggles on the waterfront.

The role played by Negro seamen in aiding the escape of Negro slaves from the South was highlighted by an incident that occurred in July, 1839. Three Negro crew members aboard the ship "Robert Carter," out of New York, were accused in Virginia of helping a slave to escape from Norfolk. The slave was found aboard the vessel in New York and was returned to Virginia. The governor of Virginia demanded the three seamen be extradited, but this was refused by the governor of New York.

In the New York African Free Schools in the 1820's, navigation was included in the studies. In 1829, an examination of the students, whose average age was 13, was held on this subject. The examiner certified that "these colored pupils would be able, with a very little practice at sea, to keep a ship's reckoning with all the or-

inary accuracy of common voy-

FEAR FREEMEN

Laws enacted by several southern states during the 40-year period preceding the Civil War, restricting the activities of free Negro seamen in their ports, are a tribute to this advanced section of the Negro people.

South Carolina enacted a law in 1822 which required that free Negro employees on any vessel putting into a South Carolina port be imprisoned until the vessel should be ready to depart; that the captain pay the expenses of the "detention" and take them out of the state; and that upon the captain's failure to do so, they be deemed "absolute slaves" and sold.

Perhaps some of the most outstanding achievements of the Negro seamen in the American Navy occurred during and after the War of 1812. They made up about 10 percent of the crews of the fleet that sailed to the Upper Lakes to cooperate with Col. Groghan at Mackinac in 1814. The white and Negro seamen messed together and there was an entire absence of prejudice against the Negroes as messmates among the crews. It was estimated there were 1,400 Negroes in the U.S. Navy during the War of 1812.

From 1930 to 1935 Negro seamen were forced out by the AFL International Seamen's Union, but with the coming of the rank and file movement and the organization of the NMU, the percentage, which had dropped to 6.2 percent of the crews, rapidly was brought up to 10.4 percent.

The 1921 strike of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union of the Atlantic and Gulf (ISU) saw Negroes and whites participating as fellow unionists. The strike was not successful and it devolved upon the Negro members to keep the union from dissolving.

Some of the most outstanding examples of solidarity between Negro and white seamen took place in Baltimore during the 1930's. When the crew of the "Diamond Cement" struck in 1933, the shipowners were unable to get a crew to scab. They finally shanghaied 10 unorganized Negro seamen who were unaware of the strike. At sea they learned about it and as soon as the ship touched the port of Philadelphia, they jumped off in support of the strikers.

In 1934, in Baltimore, seamen under the leadership of the Marine Workers Industrial Union were able to win and to maintain for three months their control of the hiring hall, the Centralized Ship-

ILGWU Officials Reply With Redbaiting to Bid for Honest Vote

By Joseph North

There was consternation among the officials of Local 10, ILGW, at its nomination meeting Monday night when Rank and File spokesmen proposed that the forthcoming local elections be held under the supervision of the Honest Ballot Association.

Arnold Ames, a long time militant, and other Rank and File speakers, made that suggestion from the platform to the 1,500 cutters at Manhattan Center.

Isidore Nagler, manager of Local 10, replied with an apologetic red-baiting diatribe in which he threw everything in the book at his opponents.

The latter had made their way to the mike through an audience that consisted in large part of Dubinsky forces, though many present listened intently to the Rank and File speakers. Veteran militants like Charles Stein, Ames, Harry Nussbaum, Al Alterman and George Weissman presented their case despite the organized heckling.

The Dubinsky machine that packed the hall to meet any emergency saw to it the proposals were defeated. But it didn't halt the Rank and File.

One of the embarrassing questions Nagler sidestepped—in addition to the economic and electoral questions raised—was why the Dubinsky leadership had failed to send aid to the striking miners.

Nagler replied that the union had aided the miners before. Voices from the floor clamored, "Why not now?" Nagler also said the miners had "a larger treasury" than the ILGW, but he failed to mention the crucial fact that the injunction prohibits aid to the strikers from the UMW treasury. Nagler had recently predicted Taft-Hartley would not be invoked.

Nagler and his associates in the local's executive received a resounding rebuff when they proposed that David Dubinsky be chosen "by acclamation" as an honorary delegate from Local 10 to the forthcoming ILCW convention in May.

A substantial number present

voted "nay" and many abstained because they feared they would be detected by Dubinsky business agents.

The Nagler forces on the platform announced that only 17 had voted against the motion. Yet many in the hall heard 41 members of the Rank and File call out their acceptance when nominations began.

The Rank and File, which the Dubinsky forces had announced "dead" time and again, nominated virtually a full slate of candidates to oppose the machine in the elections to be held March 18.

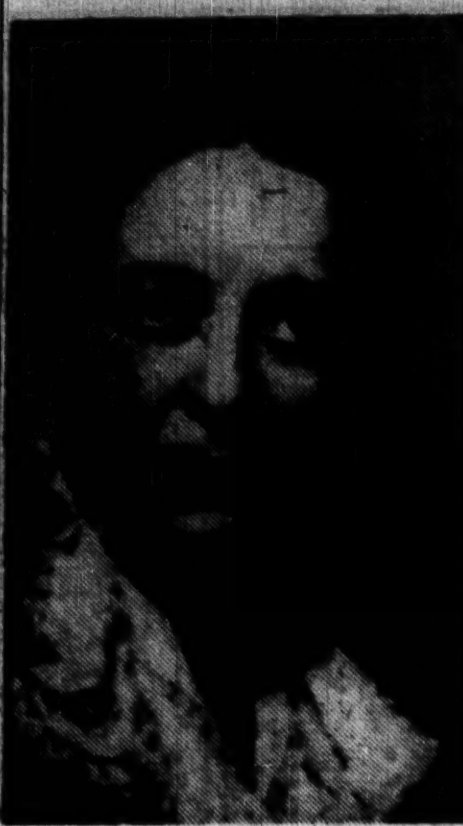
The Dubinsky machine nominated virtually all incumbent officers, some of whom have held their posts for several decades.

The Rank and File slate, consisting of workers known as militants through the years, includes: President, George Weissman; vice-president, Irving Kotler; manager-secretary-treasurer, Arnold Ames; assistant manager, Albert Afterman; secretary to the executive board, Harry Nussbaum; inner guard, Harry Heynick.

Central Trades and Labor Council delegates, Sam Blech and Max Tulchin; business agents-cloak, Abraham Sabath, Leo Miller, Charles Nemeroff; business agents-dress, Charles Stein, Lester Edwin, Louis Davidson, Emmanuel Brownstein; executive board-cloak, Jack Feinstein, David Heynick, William Feldman, Bernard Tauber, Leo Kusnetz, Leo Schwartz, Charles Nemeroff; executive board-dress, Louis Schachter, Louis Sternbach, Joe Ross, Sol Lechow, Oscar Simmel, Irving Marcus, Herbert Cohen.

Delegates to the convention: George Weissman, Arnold Ames, Albert Afterman, Harry Nussbaum, Charles Stein, Ben Libow, Louis Davidson, Louis Schachter, Irving Kotler, Charles Nemeroff.

To Speak at Peace Rally Tuesday



PROF. MELBER PHILLIPS of Brooklyn College, will speak at the "Peace Not Bombs" rally sponsored by the Congress of American Women at Manhattan Center, next Tuesday evening. Dr. Phillips is secretary of the American Association of Scientific Workers and an authority on atomic physics.

See Small Vote In Greek Poll

American observers in Greece yesterday reported public apathy and the prospect of only a small turnout of voters in the elections Sunday. Only rightwing parties are on the ballot.

Wholesale arrests have been made recently of persons who voted against the monarcho-fascists in the last elections.

Competition among the reactionaries, however, is keen for the government posts. In the corruption-ridden Athens regime scandals about theft, nepotism and graft have been commonplace. More than 4,000 candidates are contesting the 250 seats, including six former cabinet premiers and scores of former ministers.

Help the miners. Bring food and clothing for them to the Daily Worker, 50 E. 13 St., or the nearest Communist Party headquarters.

Rush State Rent Law to Forestall Tenants' Lobby

ALBANY, March 1.—The State Joint Legislative Committee on Rents is expected to rush state rent control legislation through next Monday to ward off the impact of a tenants' lobby expected here next Tuesday. Landlords are supporting state rent control as against continued federal controls because they know Dewey controls will mean the quick elimination of all rent curbs in the state.

The tenants' lobby, sponsored by the New York Tenant, Welfare and Consumer Council, has already warned legislators of both parties that it will fight for effective control on all levels—federal, state and city. At a recent hearing of the legislative committee in New York City, the Council demanded effective state curbs together with the other levels of control.

AGREE ON POINTS

As things stand now the State Rent Commission headed by Republican Assemblyman D. Mallory Stephens, is agreed on the following points:

- A state rent bill that supersedes Federal control regardless of whether the present Federal law continues beyond June 30.

- Decontrol of all new residential construction.

- Rent freeze as of March 1, 1949, with loopholes for retroactive rent rises based on "voluntary" agreements made since that time.

- May 1, 1950 as the effective date for the new rent bill.

The only differences between Democrats and Republicans to be ironed out deal with municipal jurisdiction.

State CP Heads Greet Foster On Birthday

William Z. Foster's life "is an inspiration to the Party and the working people of our country," declared a birthday greeting by the New York State Committee of the Communist Party to the National chairman of the Party on the occasion of his 69th birthday.

The greeting, signed by Robert Thompson, State chairman, and William Norman, State secretary, said in part, "There is no struggle which has been crucial to the American working class in which your wisdom and activity did not play an important part."

Included in the mass of additional messages to Foster from Communist leaders were greetings from Emanuel Blum, of New England; William Schneiderman and Louise Todd of California; Michael A. Russo and Sidney Taylor, of Connecticut; Carl Winter, of Michigan; Henry P. Huff, of Washington; Mike Davidow, of Summit County, Ohio; Abe Feinglas, of Chicago; the Oregon state committee, the Carolina district committee; and the Julius Fuchik Club in Washenaw County, Mich.

Rank-File Painters Challenge Phantom Votes on \$17.50 Tax

By Bernard Burton

The corrupt machine with the "Socialist" label that runs AFL Painters District 9 has a simple way of winning a referendum. Machine hacks do the counting, and don't let it bother you if the total vote adds up to more than the number of union members who cast ballots.

Rank and File leaders pointed out yesterday that that's how the workers "voted" to tax themselves \$17.15 each for an "organizing fund."

The machine announced the vote as 2,141 for the tax to 1,569 against. An earlier referendum was thrown out in the courts several weeks ago because the Martin Barback-Samuel Lemkin gang had failed to provide for a secret ballot, as required under the union constitution.

Of the 2,141 votes announced for the tax this time, 1,088 came from three machine-run locals. Locals 442, 874 and 1011. Local 442 is headed by Lemkin, who is being tried in Municipal Court for defrauding the city of about \$100,000 in painting contracts through his own contracting company.

Lemkin was the vote counter in Local 442. He announced it as 238 for the machine to 93 against.

In Local 1011, Harry Ladisky, council president and a "Socialist," did the tallying. No opposi-

tion representatives were allowed near the ballot boxes. The vote was announced as 546 to 94, a total of 640.

But rank and file representatives clock-checked everyone at the meeting. The total present

was 480, 160 fewer than the announced total vote.

In Local 874 no more than 250 attended, but the vote was announced as 304 to 41. Again no (Continued on Page 8)

JERSEY'S SEN. HENDRICKSON HITS H-BOMB MENTALITY

TOMS RIVER, N. J., Mar. 1.—U. S. Sen. Robert C. Hendrickson, New Jersey Republican, this week warned that U. S. construction of the hydrogen bomb represents a "Mugshot Line" type of thinking that could "constitute the greatest defeat in our history."

In a letter to Louis Kaplan, Monmouth County Progressive Party leader and assistant manager of the New Jersey Federated Egg Producers Association, Sen. Hendrickson said of the hydrogen bomb:

"I most definitely share your

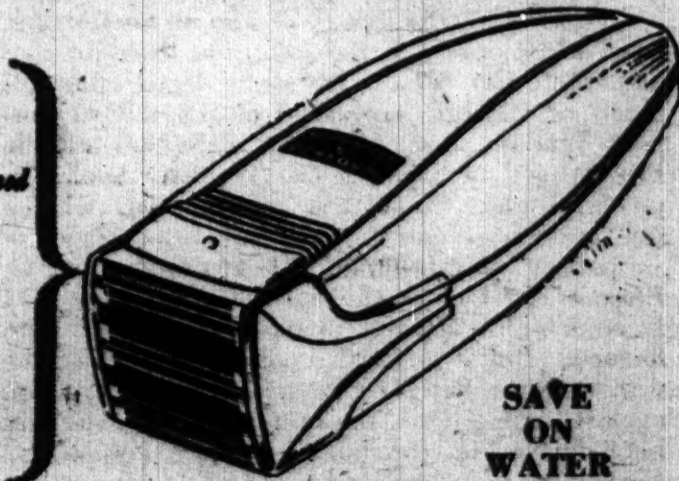
fears in this respect and am very alarmed because my reading of history has convinced me that every armament race in which mankind has become involved has led to war and never to peace.

"While I feel that we must be so strong that no potential enemy will dare attack us with any reasonable chance of success, I am afraid that we will develop a 'mugshot line' sentiment once we possess this super bomb, and ignore any hopes for achieving real peace. If we do this, it will constitute the greatest defeat in our history."

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Of Things to Come Demand For A World FEPC

By John Pittman

ALL U. S. NEGRO WORKERS can take heart from the fact that the powerful World Federation of Trade Unions, representing more than 70,000,000 organized workers throughout the world, has made the removal of anti-Negro discrimination a world labor demand.

This is a fact of really great importance. And its importance is not lessened by the shameful act of the United States representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, who did the same hatchet-job on the WFTU report that the Truman Administration and its GOP and Dixiecrat allies did on the Fair Employment Practice bill. In the UN this was done by referring the WFTU report to the International Labor Organization, which is a league of white supremacists and Simon Legrees of the colonial powers. But the matter will not rest there,

any more than the struggle for FEP will subside, now that the FEP bill's teeth have been drawn. And it will mean a great deal in the final showdown that 70,000,000 trade unionists over the world are championing the right of U. S. Negroes to employment and union leadership.

THE WFTU'S INITIATIVE in defense of Negro workers is all the more important because it is quite different from the lip-service given the FEP fight by such U. S. trade unions as the CIO Steel Workers.

In the case of the WFTU, the affiliated trade unions have demonstrated their good faith and their sincere intentions. Their leaders are carrying on an uncompromising war against every trace of discrimination within their own organizations. For instance, in the matter of union leadership, one of the WFTU vice presidents who came to the United States to place the WFTU demands before the UN is the African trade unionist, Abdoulaye Diallo.

On the other hand, the Murray-Carey-Reuther leadership of the CIO pretend to be concerned over civil rights and economic rights for their Negro membership. They even appoint committees "to study" and to sound off against discrimination. And let no one forget that James (Let's-Join-The-Fascists) Carey is the head of the CIO so-called "anti-discrimination" committee. But these same people who holler over the issue of Jimcrow in general are notoriously feeble in the fight for the simple, elementary rights of Negro CIO members—rights such as upgrading opportunities, union leadership on all levels, super-seniority, and the handling of grievances.

The difference is no little one. Almost everybody will talk and act against Jimcrow in general. But the real test of a white trade unionist is what he says and does against Jimcrow in his own union, shop and industry.

NEGRO WORKERS will also draw the logical conclusions from the efforts to discredit and undermine the WFTU by such Negro labor officials as Willard Townsend of the CIO Transport Workers and A. Philip Randolph of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Such Negro misleaders mask their real motives with a smokescreen of anti-Communism. And they are supporting the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, a conspiracy of imperialist lackeys, in its attempt to offset the WFTU's influence. But it is worth considering that at the very time the WFTU was demanding UN action against anti-Negro discrimination, Townsend's hooligans were collaborating with employers, Dixiecrats, Klansmen and the AFL to destroy the biggest trade union local in the Deep South, the Food, Tobacco and Allied Workers local at Winston-Salem, N. C., composed largely of Negro women workers.

And at the time Randolph is touring the country to carry on his cowardly character assassination of Paul Robeson, the WFTU was telling the UN: "In any discriminatory measure, it is the exploiters who are opposed to the exploited rather than one 'race' which is opposed to another."

"The United States press seizes on the appointment of any Negro to an important post and parades the few individual cases of this kind as proof of the absence of discrimination; in this way an attempt is made to mislead the workers. But such measures in no way alter the fate of the masses; on the contrary, by adding to 'racial' division a new and deeper class division, they are an additional weapon in the hands of those interested in perpetuating discrimination."

VIRGIL



By Len Kleis

World of Labor

By
George
Morris

ACTU Gives Its Scab View on the Miners

We have on many occasions furnished evidence that the outfit calling itself the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists is basically a company union element. Lest there be any who still doubt this, I call attention to new evidence, from the ACTU's own national organ, the Labor Leader, showing it to be nothing but an out-and-out scab outfit.

In its editorial of Feb. 21, on the "Coal Strike and John L.," the ACTU, like the operators, expresses a love for the coal miners but makes Lewis the target. It is not my intention to identify an attack on the miners with an attack on Lewis. As our readers know, we have not been hesitant in criticizing Lewis when we thought his position did not serve the best interests of the workers.

But the ACTU scabs, like the operators, list all the demands of the miners and denounce them as "fantasies" of Lewis. They conveniently use "Lewis" when they mean "miners." Asking whether Lewis is "doing a good job" for the miners, the editorial says:

"The answer is a clear, short, abrupt word spelled n-o, no. Lewis is making a mess and a hash out of the miners' cause. He is working himself into the role of a major menace not only to the country, but to the labor movement and the very men whom he is supposed to serve."

THAT WAS WHAT the ACTU says of the union that has called a halt to the policy of surrender to labor's enemies. Taking up the demands of the miners, the ACTU scabs note they are asking for a raise of \$1.45 a day and a boost of 20 cents a ton for the welfare fund. Usually, say the scabs, demands are not put forward seriously, and much less is taken in the end, "but Lewis has bludgeoned a number of operators into accepting his earlier demands, so we must assume he still means business."

That is very unfair to the coal operators, they continue, because the steel industry, "flourishing and fat with profits," yielded after a five-week strike only a fraction of what the miners ask.

Taking up the next argument FOR the operators, the scabs, who hypocritically cover themselves with a religious cloak, say that Lewis wants an agreement that "would put a friend of his on the miners' welfare board to represent the operators and another friend of his to represent the public interest." This, in addition to being downright lying, is really an argument for an operator-run welfare plan, as in steel and auto.

On the "when able and willing" clause, which the miners insist on because it is the only protection they have against use of the Taft-Hartley weapon by the operators, the ACTU says the "dumb operators have only themselves to blame" for the clause being in the contract. It should never have been agreed to, it "is ridiculous" and isn't the "give and take" spirit, says ACTU.

"But Lewis wants to give nothing and take everything," goes on the scab editorial, and it advises the operators that "they are giving something for nothing when they yield anything at all to Lewis' money demands."

"Don't give them a cent," shout these rats gnawing inside the labor movement.

"IF THIS analyses is correct," the ACTU continues, "then Lewis' position is based not on justice but on some fantasy that is rolling around in his own shaggy head, a fantasy whose outlines can be clear to no one but God; but which seems to have something to do with headlines, prestige and a green-eyed monster who is telling him that he must be top dog in the labor movement or life is not worth living."

That's the same outfit that has opened a "discussion" in its Detroit paper on whether Senator Taft should not be SUPPORTED by unions, with a lengthy article describing R. A. T. as a "friend of labor." That's the outfit whose most favored boy in the labor movement is James B. Carey, who recently called for a united front with fascism for a war against the Soviet Union. That's the outfit whose agents in the coal area are spreading the yarn that "red leaflets" were found in the trucks of relief that are rolling to miners.

Fortunately, ACTU-type scabs are scarce in the coal fields, although a great percentage of the coal miners are of the Catholic faith. The cover of religion which these creatures use for their scab work doesn't fool the militant coal miners.

Letters from Readers

Wants Articles on American Indians

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

As a trade unionist, I would like to see some articles on the poverty of the American Indians. Must we stand by and let greedy monopolists attempt to destroy them. Let's help them fight back.

F. HEINICHER

Ed. Note: An article on the medical facilities available to American Indians by Peter Stone is scheduled to appear in the Daily Worker within the next three weeks.

Fear Peace Pact Would Come From US-USSR Talks

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

In Feb. 26's New York Times, a statement appeared in the "Letters to the Times" column with an introduction saying that the writer is a "former member of the Federal Trade Commission." In it he states: "The chief danger of a peace conference with Russia would consist in the possibility that an agreement might seem to result."

I suppose that if an agreement actually resulted, it would be catastrophic!

R. S. WATSON

Press Roundup

THE HERALD TRIBUNE, so fond of editorializing about the need for ridding the State Department of "Communists," might ponder the meaning of the news carried on its own front page—namely, the department's admission that "most" of the 91 employees asked to resign were homosexuals. The remainder of 202 employees eliminated since 1947 seemed to have been permitted to resign after some one merely "questioned" their "security status." If the Trib tries really hard to remember, it will recall that the last government apparatus to blend anti-communism and sexual perversion was housed in Hitler's Germany.

THE POST angrily attacks Sen. McCarthy for putting the finger on State Department aide David Lloyd. It's angry not, of course, because the witchhunt is criminal per se, but because Lloyd is a member of the anti-Communist ADA.

THE TIMES, which has been denouncing "slave labor" in the Soviet Union as a proven fact for almost as many years as it has condoned slum housing and Jimcrow now wants a UN investigation inside Russia. One wonders why an investigation is suddenly needed to "prove" what the Times has presented all along as the truth. One needn't wonder why the Times omitted immediate editorial

comment on the new, sweeping price cuts in the Soviet Union.

THE NEWS commends the British election results to the Republican Party. See what working "like horses" did for the Conservatives? The News counsels. A little hard work from the Tories and a lot of treachery from the Labor fakers, the News might have said.

THE MIRROR's Drew Pearson returns to his argument, this time in an open letter to Defense boss Johnson, that the U. S. must parley with Russia. The cynical Pearson insists, or rather hopes, that any conference "would fail." But it would help in "pacifying public opinion."

THE COMPASS's T. O. Thackeray studies the leopard's story and asks: "Why is it that we can face so small a danger with such understanding of the need for caution; for concerted effort; with resolution to continue the search until the wild animal has been caged—and yet are so irresolute, so indifferent, so casual about the million-fold menace of atomic and hydrogen bomb warfare?"

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN's sage, George E. Sokolsky, compares the British electoral system favorably with our own, obviously because in a Congress modeled on Parliament, Herbert Hoover might still be on the public payroll as party leader.—R. F.

COMING: Jobless Are Gathering Again . . . by Robert Friedman . . . in The Worker this weekend

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Higher Rents In June?

DO YOU WANT to pay higher rents after June of this year?

If not, you had better get wise to what is going on in the plot to wreck the controls which are now keeping your rents at least partially tied down to a reasonable level.

Fact Number 1: The Senate is not appropriating any money to keep open the local Federal rent control offices throughout the country. In fact, the Senate Banking Committee feels that there won't be any rent controls after June 30.

Fact Number 2: In New York state, the landlords have suddenly decided that they want a Dewey-controlled "rent control" instead of keeping New York within the Federal law. They expect the Federal law to be scrapped; and if not, they want to be in a position to murder New York rent control without any Federal interference.

The ALP, the Communist Party, the Tenant Welfare and Consumer Council and other groups are fighting up in Albany to save New York rent controls and to help keep Federal and city controls in effect as well. These groups are fighting tooth and nail to outlaw anti-Negro discrimination in all existing and future housing development as well. New York tenants! Watch Albany. Support the delegations which are fighting to keep rent control and present rent levels. The rent gougers can be stopped. They have been stopped before.

Socialism Prospers

THE SOCIALIST WORLD takes another step forward toward prosperity, security and happiness for all.

Moscow announces that the Soviet ruble will buy from 15 to 35 percent more goods in all stores.

This is the fourth price drop won by Socialism in the USSR since the war ended. In Washington, the profit-hungry corporations got Congress to smash OPA. Prices have been rising ever since. The dollar in our pay envelopes has been slashed down to half of its former buying power.

Socialist economics works differently. It places a premium on human beings, not on profit. Production is for human welfare not for private dividends for one percent of the population.

THE SOCIALIST USSR took another dramatic step. It increased the value of the Soviet ruble from 18 to 25 cents. It made it the only money in the world based on gold, and not on what the Soviet authorities called "the unstable American dollars." This means that four rubles can now buy one dollar instead of requiring five as previously. This means that in Western Europe governments and firms that trade with the Soviet Union can get gold-based money which is more valuable than either sterling or the dollars.

In these amazing Socialist triumphs, we can see why the Soviet leaders so confidently urge peaceful competition between the two social systems. They are willing to let the people choose for themselves on the basis of results. The Wall Street mob which is so sure that "our way of life" is better won't accept this challenge.

More than ever, we should strive for trade with this amazing Socialist world which shows that it rests on peace not on war.

Appeal to Our Conscience

ELEVEN GREEK trade union leaders await a firing squad armed with American rifles, using American bullets. King Paul, backed by Marshall Plan dollars, has just dismissed the appeal of Mrs. Betty Ambatielos for clemency to her own husband, one of the doomed labor leaders. The royal savage wants blood.

Her appeal has gone to the UN. The Soviet Union joins with her in this appeal. Soviet delegate Jacob Malik urges the UN to act immediately to halt the "inhuman tortures and barbarous treatment to which political prisoners are subjected in the Makronisos Island concentration camp."

The world must stop this new Hitlerite horror in Greece. We urge individuals and organizations to rush appeals to President Truman, the State Department and the Greek Embassy in Washington.



N.Y. Communist Fund Drive And the People's Struggles

The New York State Committee of the Communist Party yesterday announced the opening of its 1950 Fund Drive for \$650,000. A statement issued by Robert Thompson, Chairman, and William Norman, Secretary, for the committee, declared:

THE DECISION of President Truman to produce the Hell Bomb has brought the question of peace or annihilation in a mad atomic war to the very doorsteps of every American family. Millions of American people are beginning to stir and gather together in the struggle against this relentless drive toward a global Hiroshima.

The basis exists, therefore, for adding the voices of new millions in an organized way to the struggle for peace in this year of 1950.

Confronted with this rising resentment of the American people and moving ahead to maintain and increase their profits in the situation of developing economic crisis, Wall Street is unleashing a most savage assault on the living standards and the civil rights of the working masses symbolized in the attack against the miners.

HUNDREDS of thousands of miners are engaged in an heroic struggle against the whole array of capitalist reaction, the profit-swollen coal magnates, the Truman Administration, the bi-partisan Congress, the courts and the monopoly-controlled press.

The American monopolists and their cronies aim, by smashing the United Mine Workers and the miners, to deal a decisive blow to all labor. They aim to turn back the clock of history and wipe out all the gains won by the working people since the pre-New Deal days. The miners are fighting the battle of labor and all progressive America. And, because the working people understand this, the support for the miners is growing every hour with the call for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Slave Act becoming ever louder.

The 15,000,000 Negro people are becoming increasingly indignant at the Truman bi-partisan betrayal of civil rights pledges, at job discrimination and mass layoffs as the monopolists single out the Negro workers as the first victims of their drive to place the whole burden of the crisis on the back of the working masses.

Millions of Negro Americans, with their democratic allies, as evidenced in the recent gigantic National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization in Washington, are actively uniting in the struggle for FEPC and other burning demands of the Negro masses now. It is around these demands that

Negro-white unity is developing and will be further strengthened and extended.

This new upsurge, at a time when Wall Street is weakened by the gigantic world victories of the camp of peace and democracy, creates favorable conditions for checking the imperialist offensive. It cuts across political party lines and lays the basis for the development of a broad people's democratic coalition, for a mass breakaway from the two-party system.

While the Taft-Hartley injunction against the miners and the flagrant betrayal of civil rights promises to the Negro people is beginning to shake the illusions about Truman among the masses, the demagoguery of Truman and the bi-partisans can be exposed only to the extent that the people can be rallied in struggle on the basis of a program of united struggle, including the Communists. For this, a strong mass fighting Communist Party is indispensable NOW.

HENCE, these favorable conditions cannot be turned into a reality without maintaining, building and strengthening the Communist vanguard of the American working class and people.

The Wall Street money kings, desperate with the growing failure of their bi-partisan foreign policy in Europe and Africa, at the gigantic advances of the anti-imperialist camp, at the continued development of the economic crisis, and at the rising resistance of the democratic, peace-loving forces in the U.S.A., will strive ever more determinedly to carry through the Foley Square verdict, to push through the fascist Mundt-Nixon Bill and other fascist-like measures to outlaw our Party and destroy its effectiveness. They can and will be defeated!

Hence, never as at this moment is it so urgent for Communists and all progressives to rally close around, defend and support the Communist Party. Never, as at this moment, was it so necessary for all peace-loving and democratic elements to unite to defend the civil rights of Communists.

IT IS in the light of the

urgent life-and-death needs of American labor and the people, to maintain, build and strengthen their Communist vanguard, that we approach the 1950 Party Fund Drive for \$650,000 in New York State as a major political task in the fight to build a mass fighting Communist Party. This Fund Drive will also be New York State's contribution to the Daily Worker Fund Drive Appeal, the appeal of the National Committee, and New York's contribution to the Defense Fund.

The Fund Drive is, in reality, a people's fighting fund which will enable the Party, from top to bottom, to help organize and influence the developing struggles of the workers and their allies. It is a fund for the defense of the 11 framed and convicted Communist leaders, for maintaining The Worker and the Daily Worker as instruments of mass education and organization, for the training of Party leaders, for carrying out the policy of industrial concentration, for aid and solidarity with the South, for the struggle for Negro rights, for the struggles of the Puerto Rican people, and work of the state, counties, sections and clubs. The achievements of this quota will mean more literature to the masses, more activity, and more mass meetings.

During the crucial struggles of the past year, a growing circle of workers and democratic-minded people rallied to the support of our Party. We are confident that in the present period the growing numbers of the working and peace-loving masses will rally to the Fund Drive of our Party with their pennies, nickels, dimes and dollars. They will support us because, as Communists, we prove in our day-to-day lives that we are the firm and uncompromising defenders of their interests. They will support this appeal because more and more, at the attack sharpens, do people understand that the defense of the rights of the Communists is the defense of the Bill of Rights—the defense of true American democracy.

We call upon every Communist (Continued on Page 8)



Life of the Party

By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn
Member, National Committee, Communist Party

In Memory of Charles Ruthenberg

CHARLES E. RUTHENBERG was the first secretary of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. Born in Cleveland in 1882 of German-American working class parents, he worked practically all of his life in his native state. The Annual Ruthenberg Memorial Dinner, under the auspices of a Memorial Committee, was held last Saturday night on the West Side of Cleveland, not far from his birthplace and from Market Square, where he held some of his largest Socialist demonstrations against World War I.

Gus Hall and I were the speakers of the occasion. Present were several hundred workers and their families, of all national groups, to combine honoring the memory of Comrade Ruthenberg and celebrating the birthday of his comrade and co-worker, William Z. Foster, also to celebrate Gus being home at last.

Distinguished by a red rose were 14 charter members of our Party, personal friends of Ruthenberg, introduced by Mrs. Yetta Land, herself a charter member.

CHARLES RUTHENBERG joined the Socialist Party in 1909 and became its outstanding leader in Ohio as editor of the Cleveland Socialist, candidate for many public offices, chairman of the Party in Cleveland and in the state. One of the organizers of the Leftwing movement within the Socialist Party, he led the fight at the St. Louis 1917 convention for the famous anti-war resolution, which Hillquit and others attempted to smother and which Ruthenberg took to the people.

He was arrested, with Alfred Wagennecht, now an active and beloved leader of our Party in the Chicago district, for anti-war speeches at giant rallies, on the Public Square of Cleveland. They served a 10 months sentence in jail at Canton, O.

Eugene V. Debs visited them there and proceeded to speak in a public square opposite the jail, where the imprisoned comrades heard his impassioned and eloquent denunciation of those responsible. For this speech Debs was arrested and imprisoned in Atlanta Penitentiary. While Ruthenberg's sentence was on appeal he ran for Mayor of Cleveland and got 17,000 votes out of a total of 100,000 after making a vigorous campaign.

In 1920 he was again imprisoned at Sing Sing in New York State, after the infamous Palmer raids, under the repressive Criminal Anarchy Law. The sentence was five to 10 years at hard labor, but he was pardoned by Gov. Al Smith, who branded the law a denial of civil liberties. At the time of his death, in 1928, he was out on bail from a conviction in Michigan under a similar criminal syndicalist law, growing out of a Party convention at Bridgman, Mich. William Z. Foster had also been tried there, but the jury disagreed.

CHARLES RUTHENBERG was a founder of the Communist Party. He led a tremendously active life, as an organizer, a speaker, a writer and a political leader. His death at the early age of 46 was a tragic loss to the Communist Party and the American labor movement. It was a grave warning, which we still fail to heed fully, to take care of our people. He suffered an attack of appendicitis at a Political Bureau meeting but ignored the pain until it was too late and a ruptured appendix produced fatal peritonitis. There was no penicillin in those days. Many useful years were ahead of this brilliant leader, cut down in his prime, who would have been 68 today.

He fought to build the Communist Party as a mass working class political party of Socialism. Foster said in his letter of greeting to the banquet: "Ruthenberg and I worked side by side to build a party of a new type, a Marxist-Leninist party, fused with the workers, part and parcel of the sinews of the American people. The forces of world Socialism are infinitely stronger today than they were at the time of Ruthenberg's passing."

"But the teachings of Ruthenberg, the inseparable intertwining of struggle against imperialist war and building the Party, remain a key task. . . . The peace-loving people of the United States, overwhelming in numbers, can and must stop the instigators of war. The American people, led by the working class, need but to organize their forces and show no signs of fear before the deafening noises of reaction, to achieve this. To this goal our Party is dedicated and it is to this that Ruthenberg, a true son of the American working class and our Party, dedicated his life."

BEFORE WE SPOKE a comrade gave me an old pamphlet containing Ruthenberg's speech before being sentenced in New York. They are living words today, out of a keen mind and a brave heart.

We read them aloud. "I have merely this to say for myself, that I have in the past held certain ideals for a reorganizing of society on a new basis. I have held these ideals and gone to prison for them when they were connected with the late war. I have stood for those principles in which I firmly believe and I still stand for those principles irrespective of the results of this particular trial."

"I expect in the future to fight for those principles until the time comes that those principles triumph and a new society is built in place of the present social organizations. . . ."

"I accept this as a case of class justice, in order to suppress the desires of all those suffering today under the oppression of the present system. I accept the sentence in that same spirit of defiance, realizing that I go to prison because of support of a great principle that will triumph in spite of all the courts, in spite of all the organizations of the capitalist class."

Ruthenberg lives today in men like Gus Hall and our comrades who defended our Party at Foley Square and in those who work here to keep Gus Hall free and our Party fighting in 1950.

Cops Threaten

(Continued from Page 3)

to demand an investigation of hospital discrimination, and the removal of hospital authorities guilty of criminal neglect. The meeting decided to merge both cases in one fight.

2 COPS APPEAR

When the meeting was gathering, two city detectives, Thompson and Dworak, appeared on the scene. Detective Thompson, a Negro, asked Hapgood, stepfather of the first victim to leave the room with him. He was told protest meetings were not necessary because the city authorities were studying the matter.

The detective attempted to play down the whole thing by saying he also was a member of the A. M. E. church. Hapgood stood his ground even though Thompson said he would bring this to the attention of the chief of police. Then both detectives left.

When Hapgood related the incident to the meeting later on he said he was determined to go through with the fight because if "I did less and something happened to any of your children I would be more responsible than the hospital."

Leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Civil Rights Congress and the Joint Board of Fur Dressers and Dyers Union are demanding an investigation by Mayor Michael U. DeVita, and the removal of Dr. Radcliffe. Also active in the case are Lincoln-Douglas Council of the International Workers Order and the Jewish People's Fraternal Order.

The union sent its protest to Gov. Driscoll on the death of the first victim. The victim was related to one of its members.

RALLY FRIDAY

A mass meeting protesting the death of both children will be held at the First Baptist Church, 12th Ave. and E. 18th St. on Friday night.

Leaders in the fight are the Rev. Charles L. Carter, of the NAACP, Lewis Moroz of the Civil Rights Congress, Rev. Diggs of the A. M. E. Church, Mrs. Mary Griffin and William Jones.

A survey of general hospital facilities in New Jersey made last year by the Division Against Discrimination in New Jersey, a state body, admitted, "Discrimination against racial and cultural minorities takes many forms, some of them ultimately being reflected in morbidity and mortality rates."

Two more names have been added to the mortality list in New Jersey.

Correction

In the Around the Globe column Wednesday, the word Poland appeared as Holland in a quotation which should have read: "Particularly in Poland, Hungary and Yugoslavia, the American Embassies and legations maintained contact almost exclusively with the elements in the population which were hostile to the regimes." The quotation is from a Foreign Policy Association pamphlet.

FLOUR MILL BLAMES FIRINGS ON LOSS OF CHINA MARKET

ASTORIA, Ore., March 1 (FP).—The ax fell at the Pillsbury flour mill here and scores of workers found themselves jobless. Reason for the firings, company heads told reporters, was "the loss of the China market."

Basically an export mill, the plant generally ships thousands of sacks of Pillsbury's Best to Shanghai and Tientsin. Collapse of the China market is a result of the State Department's disapproving attitude on developing trade between the Chinese people's republic and American businessmen.

In a letter to the dismissed members of Local 18, CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, plant manager E. T. Christenson said: "We cannot see anything in the picture that indicates more flour business in the near future . . . so we have decided to operate only one unit."

Many months ago, Local 18 called on the State Department to "make speedy efforts for renewal of trade relations with all parts of China."

The job loss comes at a particularly difficult time since thousands of workers in the immediate area are already unemployed. While many are drawing jobless insurance, more than 1,000 have exhausted their benefits.

Painters

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opposition watchers were permitted.

In right-wing Local 51 where the opposition did win a voice, the vote was 158 against to 148 for. In the earlier voided election, the hand vote had been announced as 230 for to 12 against.

The Rank and File announced it will appeal to the general executive board. If there is no redress from that body, it will take the case into court. The group points out that, constitutionally, the Council has no right to levy an assessment except during a strike or lockout.

To cover up their actions the machine is pressing expulsion charges against Rank and File leaders Louis Weinstock, Morris Gainer and Morris Davis.

The "Socialist" Max Galt, financial secretary of Local 261 has filed the charges. These are virtually identical, even to the wording, to a frameup attempt by Lemkin against Weinstock in 1946. The case was dismissed by the executive board.

One of the charges, ironically, was that Weinstock had brought the union into "disrepute." This from Lemkin!

Fund Drive

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nist, every progressive, every defender of democracy:

All out to complete the 1950 Fund Drive in record time! Build a peace budget from the dollars and quarters of the working and peace-loving masses! Appeal to your shopmates, fellow trade unionists, your neighbors, your friends! The Hell-Bomb Drive to annihilate mankind must and can be halted!

Give to the Communist Party!

Fight with the Communist Party!

Join the Communist Party!

Help the miners. Bring food and clothing for them to the Daily Worker, 50 E. 13 St., or the nearest Communist Party headquarters.

What's On?

Tonight Manhattan

TONIGHT at 8:00 p.m., hear Arnold Johnson, National Legislative Director, Communist Party, speak on the H-Bomb Menace. Other speakers, film "Atomic Power." Stuyvesant Casino, 142 Second Ave. (near 9th St.) Sponsored by the Forbes Section (4th AD N.) Communist Party. Admission free. Bring food and clothing for striking miners.

FOLK DANCING of many nations; beguina, advanced, fun. Rose Slav, director. Cultural Folk Dance Group, 128 East 16 St.

VERDI will be discussed by Sidney Finkelstein on Music and Society at The Jefferson School, 575 6th Ave. 8:30 p.m. Sub. \$1.00.

IVES AND COPELAND will be discussed by Lucy Brown and Sidney Finkelstein on Main Currents of 20th Century Music at The Jefferson School, 575 6th Avenue. 8:30 p.m. Sub. \$1.00.

SEAN O'CASEY'S "Plough and the Stars" — Hudson Guild Theatre, 436 West 57th St.

Tomorrow Manhattan

ROAD TO LIFE — The famous Soviet film classic with Alan Schaffer as guest speaker. Second in a series of Friday Night Film Parties, A.S.P. Freedom Theater and Film Division, A.S.P. Discussion, Dancing. Friday, March 3, 8:30 p.m. Sub. \$1.00; Members 75c. Czechoslovak House, 347 East 72nd St.

AWAKE AND SING . . . "an extraordinary effective performance" . . . that's what enthusiastic critics say about the Jefferson Theater Workshop's exciting production. See for yourself! Clifford Odets' 3-act classic. Directed by Al Base. Repeated this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 3rd, 4th and 5th . . . 8:30 p.m. at The Jefferson School Theater . . . 16th St. and 6th Ave. Admission \$1.00, tax incl. Tickets available at Jefferson School and Book Fair, 133 W. 44th Street.

Tomorrow Bronx

SKETCH CLASS every Friday 7-10 p.m., live models, Creative Art Studio, 790 E. 161st St. Ceramic Class Tuesday, Thursday.

Coming

RELAX, REST AND HAVE FUN the week-end of March 10-12 at the Jefferson School Week-end at the Furriers Camp. Dr. Howard Selsam will lecture. Dancing, games, winter sports. \$14-\$17. Call WA 9-1800 for reservation.

BOP, TROT, RHUMBA with Miles Davis. A night of continuous dancing, two bands, to the tunes of the town's outstanding musicians, all winners of Metronome, Down Beat and Billboard awards. At Sunnyside Garden, 44th St. and Queens Blvd., Queens, Friday, March 3rd. Sponsored by Queens County ALP and Queens Young Progressives.

THE AMERICAN FOLKSAID GROUP is having its Seventh Anniversary Celebration, the most exciting song and dance festival this year. Square dance Jamboree with seven of New York's top callers. Guest Artists: The Weavers, Betty Sanders, Brownie McOhee, Rolly Wood, Sonny Terry Edith Allaire, Bill Robinson and lots more. Saturday night, March 4, 250 W. 26th St. 7:30 p.m. Instruction fee \$1.00.

Queens

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Officials Get Delay In Peekskill Suit

Federal Judge Edward A. Conger yesterday granted a week's delay to Westchester County officials and others being sued for \$2,020,000 damages by the victims of last summer's Peekskill riots.

The delay was granted over the objections of attorney's for Paul Robeson, who heads the list of 27 victims of the mob attack. Mrs. Bella Abzug, attorney who argued against the delay, charged the move was an attempt to tie up the proceedings until after a whitewash of the guilty officials was made by the grand jury probe they control.

Westchester County Attorney Harry G. Herman, who represented Westchester District Attorney George Fanelli, the main defendant, and the other county officials sought to have the entire case delayed until the end of April. He claimed that action on the case now would interfere with the grand jury proceedings.

Mrs. Abzug retorted that the case in no way conflicted with the grand jury investigation. Charging the defendants, who include officials of the State Police and leaders of Westchester veterans organizations in addition to county officials, came into court "with unclean hands," Mrs. Abzug said that a proper grand jury probe to uncover the culprits would go hand in hand with the suit, not conflict with it.

Judge Conger, however, frequently interrupting Mrs. Abzug, remarked, "I was a district attorney myself, you know." He granted a week's delay to Herman to answer Mrs. Abzug's arguments and indicated in statements he would grant the motion for delay.

Robeson will give a concert in Manhattan Center on March 28 to raise funds to conduct the case.

Block Food

(Continued from Page 2) anything under the Taft-Hartley injunctions.

Meyers said the attempt of business executives in Cumberland to reject the supplies "is an attempt to keep the food from the miners and their families." He said "We don't recognize the decision of any committee made up in the man of bankers and business leaders."

A salvation Army officer attached to southern regional headquarters said his organization attaches no politics to food. "Our to keep the food from the miners at the point of need," he added.

He said the same question had arisen in Cumberland a month ago when a labor commentator told his nationwide radio audience to help the miners by taking food to the Salvation Army for distribution to them. The Salvation Army officer said the same advisory committee split wide open over the issue.

The business leaders took the position that "the miners should starve," he said.

Bronx ALP Offers Children's Programs

The North 7th A.D. Club of the American Labor Party has inaugurated a series of Saturday afternoon children programs at its clubrooms at 1723 Boston Rd.

We mourn the loss of our dear friend

SAM WISEMAN

sincerest sympathy to Ann and Family

Bill and Nellie Kuperman

2nd 'Worker' Truck Leaves

The second Daily Worker truckload of food left here last night with about 10 tons of vitally needed food for the striking miners of West Virginia and Ohio.

The truck was loaded to capacity and so good was the response to the Daily Worker's appeal that there was enough food left after the truck was loaded to provide a good start for a third truckload, scheduled for early next week. Included in the second shipment were five cases of eggs donated by farmers from New Jersey and Connecticut.

Staple foods predominated, with cereals, sugar, flour, coffee and canned foods of all types. Most of the food came in case-loads.

Even as the truck was being loaded yesterday afternoon people were coming in with more food.

SENDS PIGGY BANK

One six-year-old girl named Judy sent in a little piggy bank with money in it "to buy a little dollie for a miner's child." The bank was set up in the Daily Worker's offices and everyone who passed by caught the spirit of Judy's contribution and dropped in something. The contents of the piggy bank doubled within a few hours.

A five-year-old boy named Michael sent in a little picture book, drawn by himself, together with a contribution from his family. The book was earmarked for "a miner's child."

Volunteers to help pack the contributions that are coming in are still needed daily.

Jennings Perry At Forum Tonight

Jennings Perry, Daily Compass columnist, will speak tonight (Thursday) at a forum of the Kings Highway Club, American Labor Party at the Community Center, 927 Kings Highway.

Coplon

(Continued from Page 3) ernment secrets were either in Miss Coplon's handwriting or were typed by two specific Royal typewriters.

Pomerantz told the court he had no personal knowledge of the handwriting or the typewriters used, and that he would sign the stipulation only if it stated clearly the statements in it were attributed to prosecutor Kelly.

"I will not accept that," Judge Ryan retorted angrily.

The prosecution then began calling witnesses to identify the handwriting and the typed notations.

Samuel Neuburger, attorney for Miss Coplon, told Judge Ryan he would continue to decline to cross-examine prosecution witnesses.

This policy was announced by the defense when the judge refused to grant the defense a 60-day adjournment to prepare case after Neuburger, Leonard B. Boudin and Sidney S. Berman were assigned by the court to represent Miss Coplon after she discharged defense lawyer Archibald Palmer.

Neuburger told the court:

- New defense counsel would be unable to ascertain questions to be asked on cross-examination because they were not granted sufficient time to study the trial record.
- Any errors made by earlier counsel could not be corrected by cross-examination of prosecution witnesses.
- Only declaration of a mistrial could cure the situation.

Charges NLRB Aid to Carey

Albert J. Fitzgerald, president of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America (UE) yesterday charged a "pattern of collusion between the Taft-Hartley board, the companies and the IUE company union."

Fitzgerald commented on the results of the NLRB balloting in General Motors' electrical plants which gave James Carey's CIO dual outfit an expected majority over the UE as bargaining representative for 23,000 workers.

"The outcome of the hurry-up election conducted by the Taft-Hartley Board in the plants of the GM electrical division was as much news as the election of a Democrat in Mississippi," Fitzgerald stated.

"If it had not been, the board would not have ordered the election, but would have collaborated with the company and the company union IUE in stalling it off as it has done in cases involving some

Keech

(Continued from Page 2) that the miners quit work as individuals without direction or order from Lewis or the union. He placed UMW secretary-treasurer John Owens back on the stand to substantiate his defense of the union.

Owens said the union's telegrams were sent to striking bituminous coal diggers without any reservations in them. He too, insisted they were "unequivocal directions" to the miners.

JUDGE INTERRUPTS

Keech continually broke in on Hopkins questions and Owens' replies. He warned them both to stay on the issue of whether the union had directed the miners to violate his court order.

Owens left the stand after testifying for a little more than an hour. Hopkins called no other union witnesses, and Morison and he lunched into long arguments.

Morison said the union had made no more than "token efforts" to send the miners back to work under Keech's Taft-Hartley order. He hotly contended that the mine union was guilty of "flagrant contempt" for not showing enough good faith to get the miners back in the pits.

Hopkins, in return, boomed that "there is no proof of any act of contempt" by the miners. "Before a defendant can be convicted there must be some evidence of wilfully disobeying and this record doesn't show it and can't show it," he roared.

Morison maintained "it is simply unreasonable to assume that 372,000 men in 28 different states could have acted as individuals in exactly the same way and exactly the same time."

While the court arguments rage, three UMW officials met with four operators for a two-hour bargaining session. Lewis, en route from Springfield, Ill., was not present and the talks recessed until 2:30 p.m. tomorrow when he was expected to participate.

Government mediator Cyrus Ching said there had been no progress in the two-hour conference. Operator spokesman George Love maintained silence. Love had returned from a meeting with the Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Co. directors last night after they had decided to fight the miners' with determination. They cut their dividends and some salaries of top officials in order to press the fight.

400,000 UE members, including those in General Electric and Westinghouse.

"Company union forces have long been entrenched in GM plants. UE supporters have been subjected to unprecedented harassment and intimidation by the company and city officials and the courts in Dayton."

"The UE will be back in the electrical division of GM in far less time than it took in the 1930's to organize a real union in the plants."

Un-Americans Hatch Plot to Bar Mine Aid

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from him, were surpassed in their malevolence by W. Jackson Jones, the Un-Americans' investigator, who commented: "Even Providence is working on our side. This couldn't have happened at a better time."

Other literature seized in the car by local police exposed such startling information as the fact that the Labor Youth League, the Communist Party and many other organizations think that the miners should win their strike and should not go hungry until they do.

Out of this support, publicly stated by the organizations concerned and many others, and made known to the miners themselves in thousands of copies of the Worker's mine supplement, the Un-Americans and the Hearst and Scripps-Howard press are trying to whip up a picture of a sinister "Red plot" in the mine strike.

Tronick's body was hardly cold before hoodlums smashed the windows of the Miners Relief Committee, which is run by the International Workers Order here.

Attached to one of the rocks that smashed the windows was a note threatening that the place would be bombed the next time.

This force and violence with its threat of more force and violence was used to try to smash the efficient relief organization that has sent tons of goods to the striking miners and is daily sending more.

This fascist threat will stimulate the miners' friends to still more support for the hungry men, women and children in the coal fields, said an IWO spokesman.

Steve Nelson, district chairman of the Communist Party, commenting on the press treatment of Tronick's death, said yesterday: "These organs of the coal operators cannot even leave the dead in peace."

"The Press and the Sun Telegraph want to keep the miners from reading the only paper that gives them the news of the growing relief campaign. They want the miners to read only the Taft-Hartley papers."

See Action Soon By Senate Unit On Mundt Bill

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The National Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill today warned that Senate Judiciary Committee may report favorably on the police-state measure on March 6. Only five of the 12 Senators are known to oppose the bill, a statement said, and the people must speak out if this dangerous legislation is to be blocked.

The statement was signed by former Rep. Jerry J. O'Connell, chairman, and was issued from the committee's new headquarters, Room 2C at 902 20th St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

The committee urged a campaign of letters and telegrams to all Senators, especially members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and to Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas.

Cold Warrior

(Continued from Page 3) titution are really trying to bring "totalitarian Soviet power" to the U. S. The panicky solon is House Democratic leader John W. McCormack, and his hackneyed blast at the World Peace Congress, which is sponsoring peace missions to this and other countries, testified to the discomfort which the movement for U. S.-Soviet agreement is causing the cold warriors here.

Yesterday, 100 prominent Americans urged the State Department to grant visas to the 15 members of the peace mission, pointing out the wide public approval which has greeted every recent suggestion for an agreement between Russia and this country on disarmament and atomic control.

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MORNING

9:30 WJLA - Harry Messing
WJLA - This Is New York
WJLA - Masterwork Hour
9:45 WJLA - Norman Brokenshire
WJLA - Meet the Men
9:50 WJLA - Food - Alfred M. McCann
WJLA - Piano Personalities
9:55 WJLA - Wayne Howell Show
WJLA - Glasson Goss A-Shoping
WJLA - Composers' Varieties
10:00 WJLA - Welcome Travelers
WJLA - Henry Gladstone
WJLA - My True Story
WJLA - Sing Crosby Show
WJLA - Morning Melodies
10:15 WJLA - Martha Deane Program
WJLA - Arthur Godfrey Show
10:30 WJLA - Marriage for Two
WJLA - Betty Crocker Magazine
WJLA - Chatside Chats
10:45 WJLA - Dorothy Dix
WJLA - Victor E. Lindahl
WJLA - Health Talk
11:00 WJLA - We Love and Learn
WJLA - News
WJLA - Modern Romances
WJLA - News, Alma Lettinger
11:15 WJLA - Dave Carroway Show
WJLA - Rudy Vallee Show
11:30 WJLA - Jack Heron
WJLA - Ques Program
WJLA - Grand Slam
WJLA - Violin Personalities
11:45 WJLA - David Harum
WJLA - Rosemary

AFTERNOON

12:30 WJLA - News Roundup
WJLA - Kate Smith Speaks
WJLA - Ladies Be Seated
WJLA - Wendy Warren - Sketch
WJLA - News, Luncheon Concert
12:45 WJLA - Aunt Jenny's Stories
WJLA - Rod Henderson
WJLA - Norman Brokenshire
12:55 WJLA - News
1:00 WJLA - News
WJLA - Helen Trent
WJLA - News, Heru Sheldon
1:15 WJLA - Lunch at Sardi's
WJLA - Our Gal Sunday
1:30 WJLA - Mary Margaret McBride
WJLA - News
WJLA - Chamber Music
WJLA - Big Sister
WJLA - News, Midday Symphony
1:45 WJLA - Nancy Craig
WJLA - Ma Perkins
1:55 WJLA - Young Dr. Malone
WJLA - Hollywood Theatre
2:00 WJLA - The Guiding Light
2:05 WJLA - Double or Nothing
WJLA - Welcome to Hollywood
WJLA - Ladies Pair
WJLA - Second Mrs. Burton
WJLA - Record Review
2:15 WJLA - Perry Mason
2:30 WJLA - Today's Children
WJLA - Queen for a Day
WJLA - Hannibal Cobb
WJLA - Nora Drake
WJLA - Curtain at 3:30
2:45 WJLA - Light of the World
WJLA - The Brighter Day
3:00 WJLA - Life Can Be Beautiful
WJLA - Bride and Groom
WJLA - Second Honeymoon
WJLA - Nona, Sketch
WJLA - News, Symphonic Matinee
3:15 WJLA - Road of Life
WJLA - Billtop House
3:30 WJLA - Pepper Young
WJLA - Answer Man
WJLA - House Party
3:45 WJLA - Pick a Date, Buddy Rogers
4:00 WJLA - Backstage With
WJLA - Barbara Welles
WJLA - Carry Moore Show
WJLA - Surprise Package
WJLA - Disk Date
WJLA - Record Album
4:15 WJLA - Stella Dallas
4:30 WJLA - Happy Landing
WJLA - Dean Cameron Show
WJLA - Lorena Jones
4:45 WJLA - Young Wilder Brown
WJLA - Pat Barnes
5:00 WJLA - Green Hornet
WJLA - When A Girl Marries
WJLA - Olsen Drake
WJLA - Straight Arrow - Sketch
WJLA - Sunset Serenade
WJLA - News, Today in Music
5:15 WJLA - Portia Faces Life
5:30 WJLA - B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B
WJLA - Jack Armstrong

RADIO HIGHLIGHTS

PM
9:00 - Screen Guild Theatre.
WNBC.
9:30 - Duffy's Tavern. WNBC.
10:00 - Author Meets the Critics.
WJZ.
TV
9:00 - Morey Amsterdam show.
WABD.
9:30 - Author Meets the Critics.
WJZ.

WNBC - Just Plain Bill
WJZ - Ben and Minnie
WJZ - Cocktail Time
1:45 WJZ - Front Page Farrel

EVENING

6:00 WJZ - Kenneth Banghart, News
WJZ - Joe Hassel
WJZ - Guest Star
WJZ - Eric Sevareid, News
WJZ - News, Dance Theatre
6:15 WJZ - Sports
WJZ - Bob Olson, Interviews
WJZ - Johnny Thompson
WJZ - Here's to Vets
6:30 WJZ - Henry Morgan
WJZ - News Reports
WJZ - Curt Massey
WJZ - Veteran's News
WJZ - Dinner Concert
6:45 WJZ - Three Star Extra
WJZ - Lowell Thomas
WJZ - Weather, City News
WJZ - Stan Loman
7:00 WJZ - Frank Sinatra
WJZ - Fulton Lewis, Jr., Comment
WJZ - Edwin C. Hill, News
WJZ - Masterwork Hour
WJZ - Sculley Show
WJZ - Keyboard Artists
7:05 WJZ - Headline Edition
7:15 WJZ - News of the World
WJZ - Jack Smith, Variety
WJZ - Answer Man
WJZ - Elmer Davis, News
7:30 WJZ - Serenade to
America
WJZ - David Harding, Sketch
WJZ - Club 15 - Variety
WJZ - Gabriel Heatter
WJZ - Classical Concert
7:45 WJZ - Bill Long
WJZ - Edward Murrow
8:00 WJZ - The Aldrich Family
WJZ - Cisco Kid
WJZ - Blondie - Comedy
WJZ - Your FBI
WJZ - Symphony Hall
8:30 WJZ - Father Knows Best
WJZ - A Date with Judy
WJZ - Sports for All
WJZ - Mr. Keen
WJZ - Cooper Union Series
8:55 WJZ - News, Bill Henry
9:00 WJZ - Limerick Show
WJZ - Amateur Hour
WJZ - Screen Guild Theatre
WJZ - Concert Hall
9:30 WJZ - Duffy's Tavern
WJZ - Crime Photographer
WJZ - Record Rarities
WJZ - Forum: Fossiles
10:00 WJZ - Supper Club
WJZ - Author Meets Critics
WJZ - Frank Edwards
WJZ - Playhouse
WJZ - News: The Showcase
WJZ - Calling All Detectives
10:30 WJZ - Dragnet
WJZ - The Symphonette
WJZ - Let's Go to the Mat
WJZ - Lum & Abner
WJZ - The Music Box

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MOVIE GUIDE

- • Excellent • • Good
- THE BICYCLE THIEF. Another fine film by Vittorio De Sica, the maker of *Shoe Shine*. Manhattan - World Theatre.
 - IVAN FAVLOV. An interesting science film on the life of the Soviet scientist. Manhattan - Stanley.
 - THE RAINBOW. A revival of the famous Soviet film about a Russian village in the path of the Nazi machine. Manhattan - Irving Place.
 - THE TITAN. Worth seeing for its shots of Michael Angelo's sculpture. Manhattan - Little Carnegie.
 - TIGHT LITTLE ISLAND. What happens to an island of the Hebrides when its supply of Scotch runs out. Manhattan - Trans-Lux 60th St.
 - KID SHOES. Distinguished by a fine ballet sequence. Manhattan - Bijou.
 - QUINCY. Polished and witty stories of Somerset Maugham. Manhattan - Art.
 - CINDERELLA. Walt Disney's animation of the fairy tale has included some charming animal characters, fine for children. Manhattan - Mayfair.
 - BETWEEN ELEVEN AND MIDNIGHT. Louis Journe gives a suave performance in a better than average murder mystery. Manhattan - 55th Street Playhouse.
 - THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART FILM LIBRARY. A group of short early D. W. Griffiths films.
 - STAGE FRIGHT. An entertaining and pleasant murder mystery with some fine British actors, directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Manhattan - Music Hall.
 - THE WENCH. An interesting French movie about a country girl on the same hill with DeDee. Manhattan - Squire.
 - WOMAN TROUBLE. A light Italian comedy distinguished by a wonderful performance by Anna Magnani, on the same hill with the French film *Tainted* with Pierre Fresnay. Manhattan - Apollo.
 - WOMAN OF DOLBYN. The first two-thirds of this film is a brilliant account of the death of a town overrun by expanding capitalism, the real melodrama. Manhattan - Riviera.
 - MAJOR BARBARA. A revival of the film version of the Shaw comedy, with Wendy Hiller and Rex Harrison. Manhattan - Savoy.
- Skip
- THE RED DANUBE. Dreary slander about the Soviet Union's policy in Austria.

Hollywood:

Hedda Hopper Adores Films of Heroic Rich Men and Police

By David Platt

HEDDA HOPPER'S column on Feb. 27 said: "Pine and Thomas, well known for action films are taking bows for *The Lawless*, a relief from preachy films. It deals with a riot in a small town and shows how normal, decent citizens become lawless when they give in to mob hysteria. The heavy is the average man. The most solid citizen who fights for justice and integrity, happens to be rich; and the police, for a change are decent, sympathetic characters. Commies won't like this one."

Miss Hopper, in case you have not heard, has been fighting long and hard for films in which the rich man and the cop are portrayed as human beings with hearts of pure gold and the common man (that "Communist slogan") is the villain. This is her idea of "relief from preachy films" (so few, they could pass through the eye of a needle) in which the banker is the heavy and the poor man fights for justice and integrity.

IT SO HAPPENS that the film *Lawless* referred to by the distinguished lady keyhole reporter had the makings of a powerful anti-lynch film. According to a newspaper report, Dan Mainwaring, who writes under the name of Geoffrey Homes, submitted a script about a newspaper editor who averts a lynching of a Mexican youth falsely accused of raping an Anglo-Saxon girl. For espousing the boy's cause "the outraged citizens in the photoplay mob and wreck his newspaper plant." When Paramount chiefs examined the screenplay they were all for dropping the whole thing, but Pine and Thomas "insisted" and so the script was sent

to the Johnston office for approval, the newspaper story said. A resultant report from Joe Breen, Production Code supervisor "deplored the photoplay as an unwarranted and dangerous treatment of American community life." Paramount then demanded changes which the writer of the script said "actually improved the drama. It was one-sided and loaded and we gave it perspective by introducing some decent, solid citizens besides the editor."

IN OTHER WORDS, the original script was rejected because the police and the rich were shown as part of the lynch mob, "an unwarranted and dangerous treatment of American community life," one-sided, disrespectful to the best people. The drama has now been "improved." It now has "perspective." Paramount is delighted with the new version. Hedda Hopper is pleased. "The heavy is the average man. The most solid citizen who fights for justice and integrity happens to be rich; and the police for a change are decent, sym-

pathetic characters." When are they portrayed as anything else? Pine and Thomas, it should be noted, are specialists in Westerns and gangster films. Follow *That Woman*, *One Exciting Night*, *Speed to Spare* and *Scared Stiff* are some of their recent titles.

A FORUM IN HARLEM on The Negro in Hollywood films with a brilliant array of speakers is announced by the ASP Film Division to take place at the Hotel Theresa, Seventh Ave. and 125 St. Saturday afternoon, March 11 at 2:30. Speakers include Ben Mad-dow, screen-writer of *Intruder in the Dust*, James Edwards, star of *Home of the Brave*, Sidney Meyers, director of *The Quiet One*, Dan Burley, columnist for *New Age* and Pearl Lawes, executive vice-president, Congress of American Women. Harold Collins, executive secretary, ASP Film Division will be chairman.



A SCENE from *Open City*, Italian resistance film which opens with Pisan at the Stanley Theatre on Friday, March 3, for a limited engagement.

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Ted Tinsley Says

LONG LIVE THE TWO FREEDOMS!

IT'S ALWAYS a little shocking to hear a statement from some public official, only to discover that he is even less bright than you suspected. Although we know we have bad boys in high office, fellows like General Howley who should be throwing spitballs at the teacher and putting chewing gum in Nellie's hair rather than acting as a diplomat, they look more than nine years old, and therefore we conclude—incorrectly—that they are.

Let's go from generals to admirals. Admiral William H. Standley was once Ambassador to the Soviet Union. While there I presume he had to talk to men such as Zhdanov, Molotov, and probably Stalin. The child psychologists tell us that it is bad for children to have to be in constant competition with adults. This is the situation that must have made it so difficult for Admiral Standley to adjust.

In San Diego he recently used his influence to keep an inscription of the Four Freedoms off a war memorial. Two of these freedoms, said Standley, are no good. "Highly inappropriate," were his words.

"Freedom from want," declared the Admiral, "is a Russian Communistic slogan. A fellow who is free from want is dead."

HAVING WARMED UP on that one, he continued, "Freedom from fear is a political slogan. Our American pioneers did not have to apologize for their fear of Indians."

Admiral Standley graciously and generously agreed to ride along with the other two freedoms—freedom of speech and freedom of worship.

We should take Admiral Standley at his word concerning freedom from want. Not only is it a Russian communistic slogan, it is also an American communistic slogan. With this slight editing the Communist Party could do worse than plaster the nation with large posters reading:

"FREEDOM FROM WANT IS AN AMERICAN COMMUNIST SLOGAN"

—Admiral William H. Standley

The Admiral, you see, was indoctrinated when he was in the Soviet Union.

Alongside this poster we could put another containing the American capitalistic slogan: A FELLOW WHO IS FREE FROM WANT IS DEAD.

Admiral Standley's ideal of the free American is a man who talks, is scared stiff, has no shoes, and prays like mad while the Indians attack.

It's no use, Admiral! Put the cowboy suit and Roy Rogers gun back in the closet where they belong. Tomorrow morning you can tear the top off a new box of wheatear sand get yourself a genuine atomic super-integrator-separator. The Indian Wars are over—and the Indians themselves would like some of the four freedoms.

I can't figure out one thing: if a fellow who is free from want is dead, where does that leave Admiral Standley? I always thought that Ambassadors should be alive, but I guess that was a hasty conclusion.

Books:

USA and USSR Can Co-Exist Says Ex-State Dept. Aide

By Robert Friedman

CERTAINLY the most urgent, if not the central, message of H. Stuart Hughes' *An Essay For Our Times* is the advisability of an American-Soviet understanding.

AN ESSAY FOR OUR TIMES, by H. Stuart Hughes. Knopf. New York. 196 pp. \$2.75.

The significance of the viewpoint is not lessened by the fact that the 34-year-old author of this brief interpretation of the present world crisis is a grandson of the late Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes; a high OSS official during the war; a State Department division chief from 1946 to 1948, and presently an assistant professor of history at Harvard University. Mr. Hughes writes:

"The elaboration of some modus vivendi with the Soviet Union—no matter how tentative and fragmentary—seems to offer the most practical course. Toward such a policy the Paris Conference of last spring made a modest start. Since then the end of the American monopoly of the atomic bomb has offered a compelling argument. Implicit in any such idea is the concept of the co-existence of the two rival societies headed by the Soviet Union and the United States."

NOW MR. HUGHES is not writing as a champion of the Soviet Union or of socialism in any form. He is rather, an erudite and sophisticated spokesman for American capitalism, but one who does not flinch from certain fundamentals of our era.

Thus Mr. Hughes readily concedes that "The simple fact of the

matter is that the Marxist interpretation fits the realities of the time more frequently than any alternative doctrine."

And again: "No coherent interpretation of fascism has been offered that is not at least partly Marxist."

But Mr. Hughes, for all this awareness of the validity of the Marxist approach, seems to think Marxism is a tool which can be used at will but one to be dropped when handling it becomes uncomfortable. One is reminded of a child who can walk when he wants to, but who reverts to crawling when he realizes that he doesn't like the goal he's getting to.

—THUS, despite his bows to Marxism, Mr. Hughes strives valiantly to fit the world of dying capitalism and advancing socialism into the patterns enunciated by those tawdry titans of bourgeois history's declining years, Spengler and Toynbee.

Mr. Hughes would have the U. S. shun the path of fascism, both for humanist reasons and because he is aware that fascism carries within the seed of destruction not of itself alone, but of capitalism. Yet he predicts for this country a "corporate state," conveniently without the "fascist overtopping" with which such regimes have been previously identified. And he questions whether Portugal and Franco Spain may not yet be recognized as advance guards of the new states of the future rather than as relics of the barbarous past. But—and we return to the point of departure for this review—Mr. Hughes is aware that agreement is at least as much a necessity to capitalist America as it is to

Today's Films:

'Captain China' at Paramount

By Jose Yglesias

UNDER COVER of a stage show which includes Bob Hope, the Paramount is sneaking a movie into town which is going to need all available talent around to keep

CAPTAIN CHINA. Paramount Pictures. Produced by William Pine and William Thomas. Directed by Lewis R. Foster. Screen play by Lewis R. Foster and Gwen Bagni. With John Payne, Gail Russell, Jeffrey Lynn, Lon Chaney. At the Paramount.

its audiences satisfied. Not that *Captain China* doesn't have a host of well-known actors like John Payne, Gail Russell, Jeffrey Lynn, Edgar Bergen, but they haven't a chance with the lines they've got to recite and the emotions they're supposed to simulate. Brought together on a boat in the China Seas on its way to Manila, the whole thing takes as long to get to port,

despite a typhoon and emotional complications, than that slow boat to China.

Gail Russell, after knocking about for five years in that area, is going to be met at Manila by an old beau who has come all the way from Council Bluffs, Iowa to give her peace and security. John Payne, a former skipper, wants to get to a review board which will exonerate him; and Jeffrey Lynn, the captain of the ship, is his former first mate who had lied about Payne in order to get his promotion.

If this seems like a complicated situation, it is nothing to what develops. Both Payne and Lynn become interested in Gail Russell, but Payne gets an edge on the other when Miss Russell, her eyes swimming with nymphomaniacal interest, sees Payne panting after a battle with one of the seamen. Bare to the waist, greasy and attractively bruised, he acts as a magnet.

Lynn, after all, is only a sensitive type who can tell her that she is "cool and vital like an orchid without being cold." And when the typhoon comes around and Lynn is forced to call upon Payne to help him manage the ship, there's just no doubt for the script just what sort of a man a good woman wants. But wait—not quite. "You are married to the sea," she tells Payne and she decides to take the Council Bluffs beau. However, that inevitable however, one look at him from the gangplank sends her right back to the ship's bridge and to Payne.

Captain China has, also, its quota of physical violence. And it goes other films of the type one better—its hero's mortal brutality and pugnaciousness is recommended as the sort of thing that makes a man a man. It seems only proper to wish all connected with its production a konk on the head which is what I felt had happened to me.

Around the Dial:

Turn off That Switch, Men! Here's the Man of the Hour

By Bob Lauter

I HEARD the Earl Wilson show, or a good part thereof, on WINS (11:00 p.m.).

That's earl, brother! Now here's a fellow who's certainly not the world's most dangerous character. He's a Saloon Editor. As Saloon Editor, he has had great things to say on the Progressive Party, Henry Wallace, atomic energy, and any and every other great social problem. Evidently he, and the *New York Times*' Sulzberger get their ideas from the same source.

EARL WILSON if you will pardon such a grandiose analysis, is a product of the general crisis of

capitalism. In no other period of world history could a man make a living by washing the laundry of press-agency in public. A morbid curiosity inspired me to tune in his program.

He was introduced, from some restaurant, as "the man of the hour." The laundry-washing began with a letter from Fred Allen. The mutual publicity society got going.

Then brother Wilson became a monologist. Joke: somebody is asked to write the foreword to a book. "I'd be glad to write the forward but who would write the preface."

Yuk yuk!

JOKE: OIL is sometimes earl, and earl is sometimes oil.

Yuk yuk!

Said Wilson: "I don't know whether I belong on this medium or not." (I know, but I'm too polite to say).

INSIDE BITS of vital information concerning the great city of New York: There's a midtown

spaghetti joint which is called "Spaghetti Joint."

Jokes about big words.

He introduces a press agent (his own). The press agent tells the story of how Hollywood got its name. Wilson: "Give my agent a hand, everybody, how about it?" A dismal patter of applause from the restaurant.

BY THIS TIME I thought I had enough. But his next guest stopped me for a moment. She was introduced as Betty "Legs" Henderson. This woman turns out to be a product of Park Avenue. I gather that her claims to public attention derive from her habit of wearing magenta trunks while sparring with a boxing partner. (She is 74 years old). She is also willing to discuss her girdles over the air. If memory serves me, she is the woman who stands on her head at the Metropolitan Opera. (Who will save the Metropolitan? Give! Give!)

I still insist that such a program could only happen in the general crisis of capitalism.

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TONIGHT TELLS TALE FOR CCNY

**Must Beat Manhattan for Tourney Bid — LIU
Faces Hamline — La Salle 4th Invitee**

It's the last regular college doubleheader of the year at the Garden tonight, and for CCNY, which meets vastly improved Manhattan, it's last call for an invitation to the tourney. A victory tonight will do it. LIU, which meets formidable Hamline in the opener, is regarded as "in" on its overall record regardless of tonight's results.

City concludes its regular schedule next Tuesday against NYU and the tourney starts the following Saturday. But the NYU game will come after the invitations are most likely in. Tonight is it, and the Beavers, who looked good even in losing to inspired Syracuse last time out, are primed to prove they belong. They will again be handicapped by the loss of an important duo, Ronnie Nadell and Herb Cohen.

Manhattan has been coming strong with the recovery of the veteran playmaker Jack Byrnes, and in their last outing beat Fordham. Last year they upset City 44-43 in a typical close guarding intracity clash. Soph Byron Igoe, a gangling 6-4 shotmaker, has been scoring hot along with vet Hank Poppe. In the overall series City has a 19-11 edge. Feeling here is that City is on the rebound and will be up to prove itself.

When Sherman White's name is announced in the starting LIU lineup he will get more than the usual ovation, after scoring 63 points in his team's 119-82 victory over John Marshall Tuesday. Coach Claire Bee also hopes that the eight field goals tossed in by Leroy Smith means this early season shotmaker is bouncing back. Herb Scherer, the 6-9 center, also looked a little more alive in scoring 12 points.

They'll all be needed against the tall Minnesotans, who have won 27, lost one, though the schedule has been less than imposing. Hamline is not a candidate for local tourney honors. Among other things, it uses freshmen, a departure frowned on by Bee to no avail. Hal Haskins, a 6-3 senior, is averaging 16.5 points a game and is 68 points away from a four-year total of 2,000 points. The starting center, Fritsche, is 6-7 and there is more height behind him. Nobody is sure just how good this team might be. LIU, which plumed bottom in flat-footed fashion against Cincinnati, may be out to do a debunking job and reclaim its high estate on the eve of the tourney.

YESTERDAY'S TOURNEY entrant was La Salle of Philly. This potent team has won 18, lost 3, being beaten by UCLA, San Francisco and Toledo by a total of only

11 points. They have impressive wins over Western Kentucky, North Carolina State and Cincinnati, by big margins. Their center, Larry Foust, is 6-9. In their game here they pulled away from Manhattan in the second half to win.

La Salle is the fourth team in the 12-team meet, the others already in being St. Johns, Duquesne and Bradley.—L.R.

WHITE'S 63 BEST EVER

The astounding 63 points scored by Sherman White of LIU against John Marshall Tuesday night constitute by all odds the top collegiate scoring performance of all times. Paul Arizin of Villanova scored 85 last year, but against a Naval Base team of about high school caliber.

A check on John Marshall's record shows that the Matty Begovich coached team is far from a "patsy." It has won 16 and lost 6, and taken the championship of the New Jersey Intercollegiate League. All six losses were away, including one by three points at Brooklyn and five at Manhattan, very sound performances.

Nobody has ever touched 63 points in regular college competition. The great 6-7 Negro star, a junior, has now scored 517 points, first player in New York history to go over the 500 mark. As he threw in his phenomenal 27 goals (and nine fouls) he was often double and triple teamed in vain.

ROBBY DELAYED

HOLLYWOOD, March 1 (UP).—Jackie Robinson did the last takes before a movie camera today instead of reporting at the Brooklyn Dodgers' baseball training camp in Vero Beach, Fla.

With two days of shooting left on the film, "The Jackie Robinson Story," the star Negro player was given permission by Dodger President Branch Rickey to report a little late.

TWO YANKS SIGN

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 1 (UP).—Johnny Lindell and Billy Johnson signed their contracts just as the New York Yankees began spring training today, and Dick Wakefield appeared on the verge of signing. Vic Raschi, Yogi Berra, Tommy Byrne and Bob Brown remained holdouts.

Wrong Address

By phone and wire, the Daily Worker yesterday received many congratulations for asking "Why Not West Virginia State for the Tourney?" An article by Lester



BOB WILSON, team high scorer, is a 6-3 senior from Clarksburgh, W. Va., who has broken all West Virginia State scoring marks.

Rodney in Wednesday's edition brought out the fine record of the Negro College champs and quoted the coach as saying his team was ready and able.

Thanks for the congratulations, but the Daily Worker does not select the teams for the tourney. Mr. Asa Bushnell is the head of the Selection Committee.

Assemblymen Rap Boxing

ALBANY, N. Y., March 1.—Assemblymen Max M. Turshen of Brooklyn threatened today to seek abolition of boxing in New York State, unless the legislature undertook a "two-fisted" investigation of the sport.

Leading a bitter attack on boxing and its administration by the State Athletic Commission, Turshen warned that "it's about time we did something" to avert repetitions of the Laverne Roach ring death.

Democratic Assemblyman Louis A. Coiffi of Manhattan charged that Athletic Commission Chairman Eddie Eagen "hasn't ever seen fit to look into things and correct abuses." (Eagan is a Dewey appointee).

He said closer and more periodic physical examinations of boxers and gloves and floor padding, giving greater protection to participants, were urgently needed.

Jordan to Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 1 (UP).—Athletic Directors William J. Bingham of Harvard today announced the appointment of Lloyd P. Jordan, athletic director at Amherst College, as head football coach at Harvard. Since 1932, his team have won 74, lost 38, tied 5.

Southworth High on Jethroe

BRADENTON, Fla., March 1 (UP).—Rookie Sam Jethroe thought today he might steal the 1950 pennant from the Brooklyn Dodgers.

If he did, he would make a prophet out of Branch Rickey, the man who sold Jethroe to the Boston Braves. (Rickey said after the deal that he might have sold the flag to Boston).

Jethroe stole 89 bases at Montreal last year. That is more than three times the total that the entire Boston club was able to pilfer in 1949. No Boston player stole more than five sacks.

"I think I can run the bases in the majors just as good as I did in the International League," said

Jethroe. They sure aren't any further apart.

And his new boss, Billy Southworth, delighted at the prospect of having a man on the club who can steal more than five bases in one season, said that "Sam is going to get a chance to run all he wants to."

Southworth, looking over his new crew in this sunny trailer town, said "I've always stressed running on my club, not only stealing bases but in going for that extra base. Jethroe can move—he showed that by taking that many bases in a fast league like the International," he said. "What's more the man showed he could hit

with a .326 average, and he also can go for the long ball—he got 17 homers and 19 triples to lead the league."

Jethroe, who also topped the league in hits with 207 and in runs scored with 154, will do something for Southworth he did so well for Montreal—run for the extra base. It is a figure that doesn't show up in any of the averages but Billy the Kid, from his days with the Cardinals, got most of his reputation as a daring manager from letting fast men stretch doubles into triples, and singles into doubles. "And with both Jethroe and Earl Torgeson able to move on the bases, it should help us to have the kind of a club I like," he said.

on the scoreboard by lester rodney

Sporting News Letter, White's 63, Et Al

GOT A VERY nice letter the other day from Mr. Hugo Autz of The Sporting News commenting on my sharp criticism of that publication for leaving Sherman White of LIU off their first All-American team while putting on such as Bill Sharman of Southern California. Here I am set to quote excerpts from his reasonable defense (in which, incidentally, he points out something I omitted, that White was the leadoff man on their second team, in effect the sixth ranked in the land) and then along comes the great LIU star to smash all collegiate marks by scoring SIXTY-THREE points in one game Tuesday night! Honest, Mr. Autz, I didn't arrange for him to do that just before publishing your reply.

The Sporting News basketball editor wrote, in part: "We appreciated very much your sensible comments regarding the All-America basketball team chosen by The Sporting News. In fact, you bear out exactly what we said in our story, to quote: 'The fourth team is virtually as good as the second and third. Ditto for the fifth. But that's basketball—anywhere you go with your wagon, you can hitch it upon a star.' Being an ardent follower of basketball in the New York area, you are well aware that it takes more than five men to make a team in these days of fast, high-scoring basketball. Actually you could say our first two teams—even three teams—make up an All-American squad."

"I was also glad to note that the team you picked as a challenger for our All-America was composed entirely of men mentioned among our top 25. . . . As to Bill Sharman of USC looking bad while in New York, I think it is only fair to mention that Long Island University plays virtually all its games at home and maybe if it would travel to Chicago for a game against Northwestern, then on to St. Louis for a clash against St. Louis University, and then farther into the West for games against Stanford, USC and maybe Washington State, perhaps even as great a player as Sherman White might find the travel a bit weary and he might run into an off night."

"Basketball is a great game and the talent is becoming better every year. One selection is probably as strong as the next. But it's a lot of fun anyway, isn't it? Too bad we can't follow up the New York tournaments with some international competition for the sake of better world relations. Sincerely yours. . . . Hugo G. Autz."

WELL, I SUPPOSE for one thing it's only fair to assume that White's tremendous feat of the other night might possibly have gone into The Sporting News pot heavily enough to boost LIU's magnificent star into the first five ahead of Sharman or one of the other incumbents.

Trying to get the proper perspective in which to set the 6-7 Negro star's 27 field goals and 9 fouls, I dug up the record of the opposition of the night, John Marshall, and commend you to the story elsewhere on this page.

Mr. Autz, of course, has a point in speaking of how difficult it is to encompass the best players in this teeming land on one team of five men, though even forgetting the 63-point splurge I still think White's magnificent clutch record of averaging over 20 points against such as Oklahoma A&M, San Francisco, Denver, Western Kentucky, Bowling Green, St. Louis, North Carolina State and Cincinnati make him a mandatory first team choice.

A good reminder of the fact that one can't see them all is the case of Vern Mikkelsen, who played for Hamline of Minnesota last year and whom I never considered on my All-American (while arguing strenuously with Sporting News for Dick McGuire, whom I saw often). Watching Mikkelsen play for the Minneapolis Lakers pro team this year it becomes obvious that he MUST have been All-American at Hamline. So it goes. You can't get 'em all when you can't see them all.

IT IS TRUE that LIU didn't travel much this year. But the implication that New York teams might fare poorly on the road is not necessarily accurate. For instance, this year CCNY essayed an Eastern swing, and on foreign courts thumped Boston College (conquerors of Villanova) and Princeton (Ivy League champ). Last year, at the Frisco Cow Palace, City was acclaimed as the best to show on the Coast all year in trimming Stanford. LIU, not nearly as good last year as this, took a trip even more arduous than the one Mr. Autz conjures up, beat Oregon twice, Santa Clara, lost to Oklahoma A&M and Utah, and, in their fifth game in eight nights, came into St. Louis and played mighty St. Louis U. into overtime, with the rapidly developing White playing the great Macauley even or better.

(You see, Mr. Autz, you can't win. We're as argumentatively regional minded right here in New York as anyone!)

The final note wishing for international competition to foster better world relations is surely something to which everyone interested in peace will say "Amen." It's too bad our State Department doesn't share this wish. The striped pants boys insultingly refused to permit a Czech ice hockey team to visit here last winter because they didn't like the politics of some of its members. They refused permission for our crack ping pong team to go into Hungary two months ago to participate in the world championship meet. They would blow 10 fuses at the very mention of amicable sports relations with the sports-minded Soviet Union, which said in Soviet Sports one month ago: "We regard participation in international meets an act directed toward the strengthening of friendship among nations." Plain talk.

The men in Washington seem more interested in the delightful sport known as brandishing the hydrogen bomb. Which is a long columning way around from a friendly discussion on All-American basketball teams, but how are you, not going to say it?